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The New £

TODAY the pound takes its place among world currencies with increased stature—a stature it has not had in years. For Britain has taken another step towards making it fully exchangeable with other currencies including dollars. What it has done in effect is to create a foreign trade pound freer and more powerful than at any time since the war. The practical effect of this is that the pound will be more widely negotiable—and will therefore move more freely—and will undoubtedly play an even bigger part in world trade than it does today. And that is considerable.

How has it done this? By amalgamating transferable and American Account sterling (convertible in a restricted way) and making one new category of fully convertible pounds. But this is purely for international trade outside the Sterling Area. Resident sterling—or pounds used in domestic day-to-day transactions in Britain and in Sterling Area trade—is still not convertible. Nor does the latest move by the Treasury mean that it is definitely closer to realisation.

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SIMULTANEOUSLY with Britain a number of European countries have also announced partial convertibility. This is of course essential if convertibility is to have meaning. Germany which has perhaps the most stable currency in Europe has been pressing for full convertibility for years. For current domestic economic crises have forced Britain to postpone a decision. Since the flight from the pound and the big \$1,000 million loan from America, during the Suez crisis of 1956 and the crisis of 1957 the tide has gradually turned in favour of sterling. A series of shoring operations has restored international confidence and the indications are that externally the pound is now strong enough to stand on its own feet.

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THE significance of the Treasury's announcement is therefore that the pound is not only stronger but the authorities have greater faith in its ability to play its traditional role in financing world trade; the dollar position has greatly improved and Britain is confident that with over \$3,000 million in the reserves and monthly payments continuing in its favour it can afford to give the currency a more negotiable character. In addition, continuation of Exchange Control, whereby incomes and outgoings of dollars within the Sterling Area are controlled, will give Britain added assurance that the pound will stand firm.

For Hongkong, this move promises to benefit our overseas trade though results will be gradual. Economists believe that the new external convertibility will bring increased prosperity to the European area generally and that Asian nations will benefit both by the freeing of the system of trade payments and the greater movement of trade that it will encourage. This new £ is a potent sign of Britain's economic recovery. It is news that will be welcomed everywhere.

PROMOTER BELIEVES 'SMALL WORLD' FLOATING IN ATLANTIC BALLOON DOWN AT SEA?

Has No Fears For Safety Of Crew

New York, Dec. 28.

The promoter of the trans-Atlantic aerial voyage of the missing balloon "Small World" said tonight he believed the small craft carrying three men and a woman was down at sea. But he said he had no fears for their safety.

Peter Elstob said in an interview of the National Broadcasting Company's "Monitor" radio show that he agreed with the Venezuelan Communications Minister that a hoax was responsible for earlier reports that the "Small World" had landed in Venezuela.

Duke Of Kent



Denies He's Engaged

London, Dec. 29. The Daily Sketch reported today that the Duke of Kent, 23-year-old cousin of Queen Elizabeth, had denied he was to become engaged to 25-year-old Katherine Worsley from Yorkshire.

The paper said that the Duke on the telephone from Germany where he is with his regiment, the Royal Scots Greys, was asked if he planned to announce the engagement. He was said to have visited Miss Worsley's home near Catterick, Yorkshire, while on his Christmas visit to the royal family at Sandringham.

"I do not know anything about that," he said in answer to the question about the engagement. "It is complete nonsense."—China Mail Special.

Guinness & Liz Taylor Top Stars For 1958



New York, Dec. 28. British actor, Alec Guinness, and British-born actress Elizabeth Taylor, were chosen tonight in a poll of radio and television, and newspaper film critics as the two stars who gave the best performances of 1958.

The poll was conducted by

Mr Elstob said the balloon may have been forced down during an electrical storm or a heavy rainstorm. The gondola was designed to serve as a boat and had been tested in heavy seas, he said.

Colin Mudie, one of the crewmen, is a naval architect and designed the gondola himself, Mr Elstob said.

Contact

The promoter said the last certain contact with the balloon crew was 10 days ago. All word since then can be considered spurious, he said.

The balloon left the Canary Islands on December 12 on a free flight. Mr Elstob said the crew's last word to him was to tell him that if they came down they would be in the element they knew best, the sea, and would sail on across the Atlantic.

He said the crew told him they did not want an air-sea rescue operation. They said they expected only the element of search operation that would be conducted for any small craft, he said.

He said that they said the authorities should wait two to three weeks before looking for them.—U.P.I.

SOCCER FANS GO ON RAMPAGE

Buenos Aires, Dec. 28. The fans of Racing Club, Argentine soccer champions, invaded the playing field, fired fireworks against women and children watching Racing's last game of the season and then destroyed show windows and robbed three stores.

The attacks climaxed a series of outrages committed by soccer fans during the last few weeks. In recent instances they stole women's bags and neckties and damaged railway carriages and other transportation vehicles.—U.P.I.

Stumping Along



The Prince of Wales, with his right leg in plaster covered with his grey school stockings, meets the Liverpool Street Station-master before boarding the train for Sandringham where he spent Christmas with his family. He injured his ankle in a fall at school.—Express Photo.

HE TOLD MAN TO IGNORE CONSTABLE

Yesterday afternoon outside No. 27 Kam Wah Street, Shaokwan, a lorry-driver, Wong Chihung, was stopped by a Police constable for breach of a traffic offence.

While the constable was taking down the particulars, a man came along and told the driver to ignore the constable. "Don't be afraid of him, just keep on driving and ignore him," the man said.

This morning the man, Mok Chi-leung, 31, found himself before Mr A. L. Leathlean at Central Court on a charge of "making a speech tending to encourage another person to interfere with law and order". Mok pleaded guilty and was fined \$25.

MONEY GONE UP IN SMOKE

Washington, Dec. 28. Americans spent about \$3,500 million for cigarettes in 1958, a Department of Agriculture report disclosed tonight. Cigarette production hit a high with a 4.4 per cent. increase over 1957 and nine per cent over 1956.—France-Press.

Wrong Remark

London, Dec. 27. Convict applause came to a frosty silence yesterday when a woman chorister closed a carol concert at Pentonville Prison by saying: "Good-bye, see you all again next year."—U.P.I.

Attacked By 30-Foot Shark

Istanbul, Dec. 28. A Turkish fisherman, Orkinoz Yous was out fishing in the Sea of Marmara with his mate when his motorboat was attacked by a giant shark some 30 feet long. The two fishermen were lowing in their catch when the shark made its attack. They managed eventually to drive it away. When they finally beached they found three shark's teeth embedded in the hull.

The fisherman's name, translated from the Turkish means: "Jonas Shark."—France-Press.

Blazing Lorry Sets Road Alight

London, Dec. 28. A blazing lorry-load of over 1,000 gallons of paint held up about 500 lorries in a 10-mile queue at midnight last night near Kendal on the main England to Scotland road over Shap Fell.

A heavy transport carrying the paint caught fire. Every few minutes, there was an explosion accompanied by a spray of burning paint. The road was set alight 60 yards from the lorry.—China Mail Special.

FURTHER EASING OF BRITISH MONETARY RESTRICTIONS LIKELY

London, Dec. 28.

Financial experts today predicted a further easing of British monetary restrictions in the New Year, with other European nations following suit.

Despite Labour opposition that threatens a political row over the decision yesterday to restore "external convertibility" to the pound sterling, permitting foreigners to convert pounds to dollars or other "hard" currency in business deals, the experts said, more steps would be taken to smash the last postwar monetary shackles.

Increase

They predicted that in coming months the Government would allow increased imports of dollar goods and increase the foreign currency allowance for British tourists.

Ten other nations in Western Europe yesterday joined Britain in making their currencies externally convertible. In addition, France devalued the franc from 480 to the dollar to 493.70 to the dollar.

By so doing, the Continental nations geared themselves for the opening on January 1 of the European Common Market, a 16-year programme that envisages an eventual single trading area among all Western European states. It will open on Thursday with a 10 per cent cut in tariffs among the member states.

Sound Money

Britain will not be a member, and has opposed the Common Market scheme. But the British pound was adjusted for the benefit of foreign traders on the theory that the return to "sound money" would help boom the economy. Authorities said that with \$3,000 million on hand in gold and dollars, there would be no drain on cash reserves.

The devaluation of the franc means cheaper holidays in France for foreign tourists, and French hotel keepers look forward to entertaining many more foreign visitors in 1959. Although foreign tourists will lose some minor concessions previously granted them to "persuade" them to visit France, they will still be better off than before devaluation.—U.P.I. and Reuters.

Grenade Thrown

Algiers, Dec. 28. An unidentified attacker tossed a grenade into the Galté Bar in suburban Algiers today, a Moslem customer was killed and three were injured. It was the second bombing of an Algiers cafe in 48 hours. A Moslem was injured in a bomb blast on Friday.—U.P.I.

HURTLING THROUGH THE HEAVENS



The Atlas satellite pictured hurtling through the skies over Austin, Texas on December 19. The orbiting third stage appeared to be tumbling as it pursued its west to east course across the southern horizon. The irregularity in the streak is due to camera vibration during the time exposure.—UPI Telephoto.

Brain Waves To Control Computer

London, Dec. 28. A Soviet scientist today predicted the development of an electronic computer so advanced it can carry out orders received as "brain waves" from man.

Professor Ernest Kolman, in a Radio Moscow broadcast heard here, said the new machines will make use of the "bio-currents of the brain" to transmit man's will to control mechanisms by wire or radio.

Man will not have to use wheels, levers, or even push buttons to operate such machines, he predicted. Kolman said that such automation devices will help the Soviet Union cut down its working schedule to a six-hour day and a five-day week by the end of the current seven-year plan.

Automation

However, he said, automation will not cut down the need for manpower in general. It will inspire new enterprises which will call for a "vast amount of manpower."

The scientist also predicted that future automation will provide:

- ★ Automatic book indexes for large libraries.
- ★ Automatic information machines for research centres.
- ★ Video-telephones which will receive and transmit messages.
- ★ Automatic typewriters which will transcribe directly from dictaphone machines.
- ★ Sewing machines which will make a dress directly from a pattern with no human help.—U.P.I.

Slap Cost Him \$125

In a fit of jealousy, a 31-year-old man, Law Fuk-sang, slapped his girl friend on the face. For that he was ordered to pay \$125 or spend 35 days in prison when he pleaded guilty in court today.

Law was charged with common assault and breach of bond. Mr A. L. Leathlean at Central Magistracy also ordered him to sign a bond of \$100 for one year.

Sub-inspector E. Ma prosecuting, told the court that on Sunday—the defendant had slapped his girl friend Koo Huk-kam once in a cafe in Jaffo Road.

Inspector Ma added that the defendant had previously signed a bond of \$50 for one year in April, 1958, for disorderly conduct.

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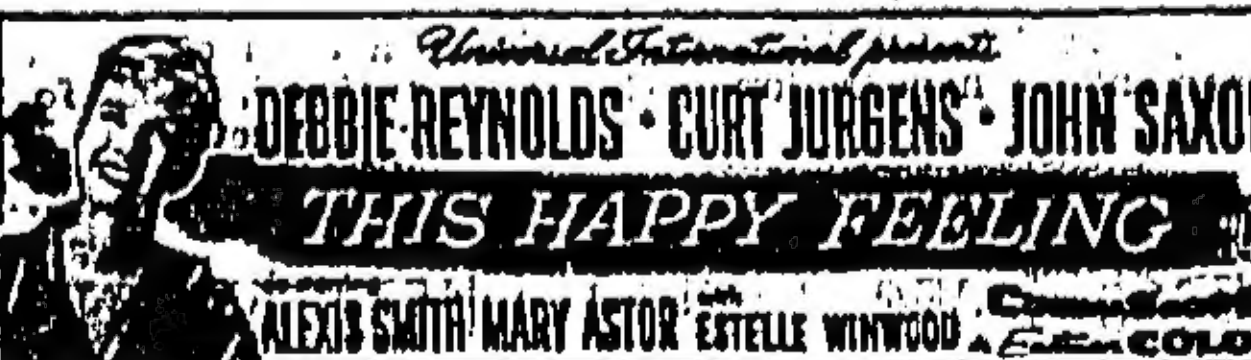
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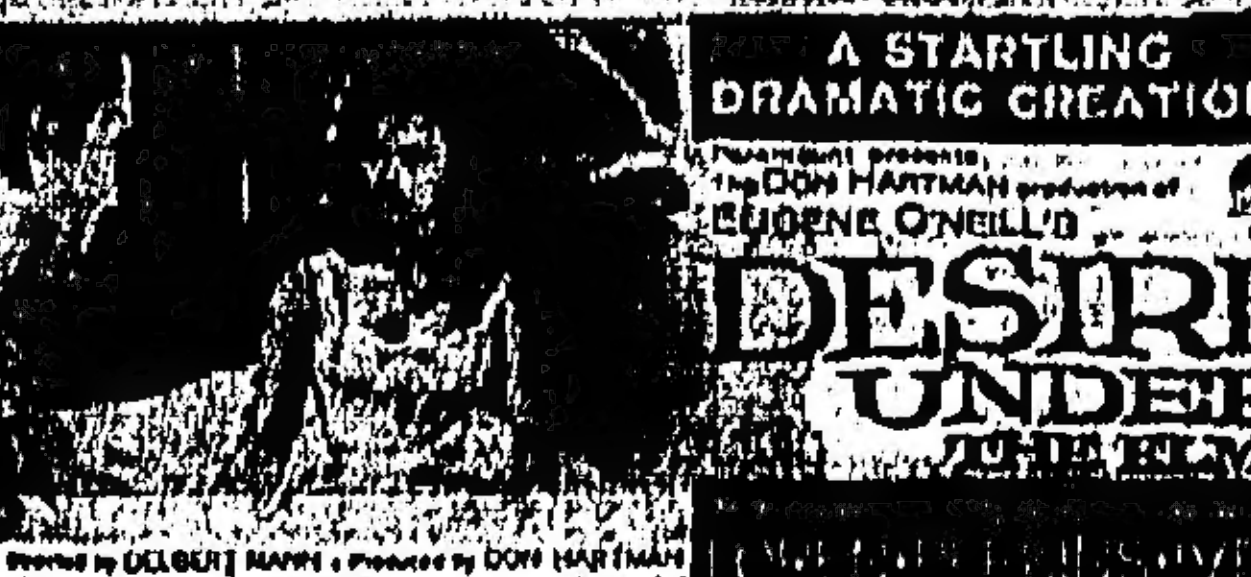
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TO-MORROW
Victor Mature in
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"Beat Your Daughters" Is Mother Superior's Advice

Stowaway Back



Johannesburg, Dec. 28.
The Mother Superior of a smart Johannesburg convent has called on parents to beat their daughters, if necessary, in the interests of character-building and discipline.

"Spare the rod and spoil the child," she told an assembly of parents at the Parktown Convent Junior School prize-giving.

In addition to urging parents to get tough with children, Mother Margaret Mary is following the same tactics herself. She has threatened to expel any girl at Parktown Convent who wears make-up, smokes, tells smutty jokes or litters with boys.

Tragic Waste

At this prize-giving she spoke of "the tragic waste of the potentialities of young people resulting from lack of guidance in their formative years."

"The child who from her earliest years is trained in habits of self-control and responsibility has her feet set on the right path, and is not likely to develop into a 'quacktail' (teddy girls) in her teens."

"There can be no substitute for this training, which can be given only in Christian home. Unfortunately, too many parents fight shy of this onerous duty of training the characters of their young children."

They shirk

"They shirk one of their most urgent responsibilities, that of administering parental correction when required."

"They confuse love with maudlin sentimentality, and refrain from punishing their children for fear of hurting their feelings or giving them complexes and inhibitions."

"What a disservice has been done to the human race by the sort of psychology which advocates the abolition of all punishments. Spare the rod and spoil the child is as true today as it ever was. Pampering and spoiling will simply ruin the character of any child."

"Children whose every whim must be gratified, who are given every toy they desire, more sweets and pocket-money than they can digest on hand, are starting out on the road along which he rebellious, irresponsible, selfishness and eventual frustration lie."—China Mail Special.

The Composer-King

Bangkok, Dec. 28.
King Phumipol, of Thailand, has given 4,000 records of songs he has personally written for sale at the Red Cross Fair here. Queen Sirikit is Honorary President of the Red Cross Society. —China Mail Special.

Canada To Launch A Rocket

Ottawa, Dec. 28.
The first Canadian-developed rocket may be launched into the upper atmosphere during 1959, the Defence Research Board announced today.
It plans to ground-test its 17-inch diameter solid fuel rocket engine within a few weeks and follow up later in the year with an actual launching.—U.P.I.

Refugee Tax Urged

Trondheim, Dec. 28.
Mr. D. Nansen, son of the Norwegian explorer and philanthropist, has suggested that everybody in Europe should pay a one-shilling "refugee tax" each year.
He has asked the Trondheim Students' Association to send a resolution to Parliament to institute the tax in Norway. —China Mail Special.

Dog's Life?

San Jose, Dec. 28.
Two mongrel dogs named Mac and George will be living the life of Riley from now on. The relatives of their benefactors will have to wait.
The dogs were bequeathed by the entire \$100,000 estate of Thomas E. Shrewsbury, who died early this month. After 20 years his relatives get what is left. —U.P.I.

Non-Swimmer Rescued Drowning Lambs

London.
The Protection of Animals Society has awarded its diploma to M. Andre Lepetit, a non-swimming farmer who jumped into the swirling floodwaters from the River Aase, and rescued five drowning lambs.
M. Lepetit, the 31-year-old father of seven children, already holds an award from the Society of Friends of Animals. One of the rescued lambs now follows him everywhere like a dog. —China Mail Special.

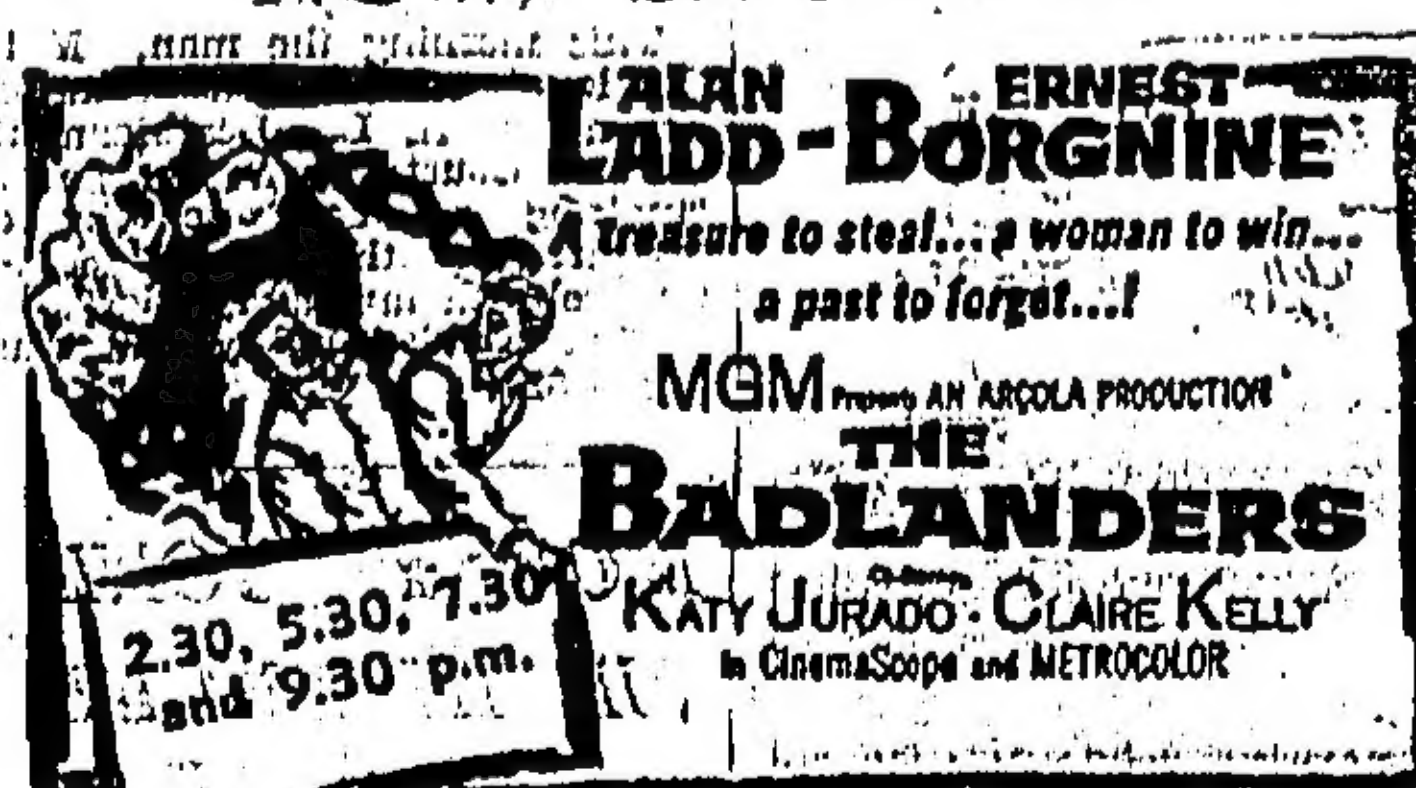
2,000 Cards For Pacifists In Gaol

London, Dec. 28.
Pacifists who spent Christmas in prison following their peaceful demonstration outside a Norfolk rocket base were inundated with Christmas cards and gifts.
Nineteen men in Norfolk prison received 2,000 cards and telegrams and so many gifts of cigarettes, fruits and sweets that a large consignment was sent to a local hospital.
The large women on remand in Holloway prison were sent in a Christmas dinner from a nearby "pub" on Christmas Eve.
And they had the usual prison Christmas dinner on Christmas Day.
Tomorrow, 32 men and 13 women are due to appear in court at Swainham, Norfolk, as a result of demonstrations at a nearby rocket base on December 20. They are all charged with obstructing the police. —France-Press.

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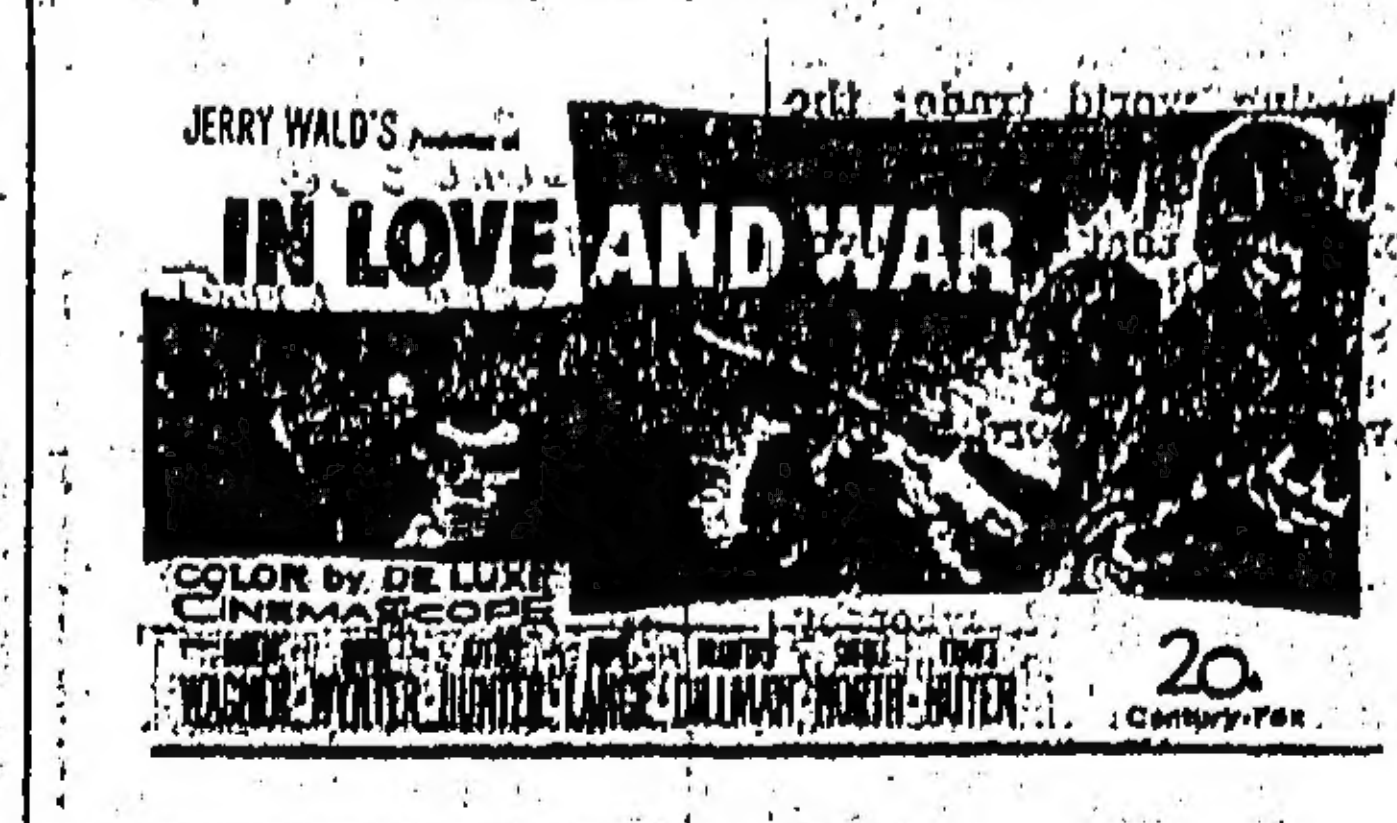
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JAPAN'S CITIES ARE SINKING INTO SEA

Tokyo, Dec. 20.

Most of Japan's big cities are ending the year wondering whether 1960 will see them still above water.

Callas Sues



Rome, Dec. 20.

Stormy soprano Maria Callas has decided to sue the Rome opera for 2,700,000 lire (about HK\$27,000) plus interest on delayed payment and her travelling expenses from New York to Rome, her lawyers said today.

The suit arises out of the famous inaugural evening performance of January 2, 1957, when the Greek-American singer failed to appear for the second act of "Norma." Among disappointed spectators was President Giovanni Gronchi.

Callas has replied to a barrage of press criticism by explaining her voice had "failed" during the first interval.

The opera replaced her for the three other scheduled performances by Anita Cerquetti. These are the performances for which Miss Callas is suing for payment, alleging breach of contract.

The opera has stated it replaced Callas by Cerquetti to avoid unpleasant incidents of which the singer (Callas) might have been victim.

Lawyer for the opera, Annibale Angelucci, reserves the right to sue Miss Callas for damages of over 15 million lire (about HK\$144,000). — France-Press.

In Niigata, Western Japan, the land has been sinking at the rate of 20 inches a year.

In some low lying Tokyo areas the rate of subsidence has been three yards in 40 years. Heavy construction work and pumping out of subterranean water supplies are blamed.

Already in heavy rains the tide in Tokyo Bay meet overburdened rivers and cause serious flooding.

Unable to get away through normal drainage, surface water from the streets in one storm this year flowed over door sills into the basements of city buildings.

Downtown Tokyo is built on mud so the the Calson method must be used to sink the deep foundations needed for this earthquake country.

The Japanese Construction Ministry and the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, which have been making an investigation of land sinking since 1918, recently released their findings.

When It Began

Land sinking in Tokyo became serious from 1937 to 1939 but stopped during the war when the underground pumping was interrupted, the report said. The sinking started again when industrial plants were resumed after the war and the pumping of underground water resumed.

According to the report the first signs of sinking began to appear in the southern part of Tokyo in the early years of this century when modern industry began in Japan.

In order to prevent further sinking it will be necessary to restrict free use of underground water, the report says. But this will be difficult in Tokyo because about 50,000 tons of water will be required from other sources if underground pumping is stopped or restricted.

In Niigata, Northern Japan, where the land on which the port city is built is sinking 12 inches a year, the extraction of natural gas is blamed for the land level. The port of Niigata is now protected only by high embankments but these are sinking and have to be built higher every year to keep out the sea.

Last year a pier sunk to sea level and a three-foot wall had to be built to preserve warehouses and other facilities. Now this is no longer enough and a new wall nine feet higher than the old one will have to be built if the pier is to be saved from the sea. — China Mail Special.

Relief Raced To Stricken Town

Tokyo, Dec. 20.

Relief goods began reaching the town of Koriya today as 7,000 of its citizens began rebuilding after the disastrous fire which levelled their homes early on Sunday.

Latest reports from Koriya said the fire destroyed 1,500 houses on the island town 250 miles south of Kyushu. The wind-whipped fire blazed out of control for six hours after midnight. This was the fifth biggest fire in postwar Japan.

The Kagoshima Prefectural Government on Sunday appropriated 60 million yen (HK\$1,000,000) for relief of victims while prefectural authorities began procuring lumber to construct temporary homes.

Navy Helps

Blankets and clothing also were being shipped from Kagoshima to this island.

Meanwhile, both the U.S. Navy and the Japanese Red Cross moved swiftly to aid the disaster victims.

A U.S. Navy spokesman in Yokosuka reported that the carrier Yorktown and seven destroyers of the U.S. Seventh Fleet which were at sea had been ordered to proceed to the scene of the fire at full speed to render "medical and humanitarian assistance."

The ships were expected to reach this island early today.

The Japan Red Cross late on Sunday began shipping underwear, women's and children's clothes and baby foods.

No deaths resulted from the fire, but most of the 7,000 made homeless were left with only what clothing they had on their backs. — U.P.I.

PASSENGER PEDDLES

Portsmouth, Dec. 20. John Boyle, 29, joins the cab rank here with his machine every night to wait for fares.

He comes at night because he is a spartan cabler, working as a bus conductor in the daytime.

There is another difference too, because his back is a tandem bicycle and the passenger has to work.

"I take anyone from tramps to folks but mostly it is sailors who have missed the last bus to the dockyard and still have enough energy to pedal," he said.

On wet nights he hands out a waterproof cape with the trouser clips. — Reuter.

China's Weather Service Boosted

Paris, Dec. 20. A network of meteorological services has been set up in China. To Chang-wang, Director of the Central Meteorological Services wrote in the People's Daily today.

There are now 202 observation stations in various parts of the country set up by provinces and semi-autonomous regions—double the total number last year. The meteorological and weather stations set up by counties now total 2,880 — 67 per cent more than last year.

In addition, the people's communes have set up 20,700 meteorological posts and weather stations which have organized 450,000 weather observation groups. — France-Press.



Policemen, But No Heads

Two of eleven Toronto policemen charged with shop-breaking, theft and receiving stolen goods race past photographers as they leave the back door of the court, their heads covered with coats. Their case was adjourned.

No Communism In North Borneo

Jessellton, Dec. 20. The Acting Chief Secretary of British North Borneo, Mr. E. J. H. Berwick, has told the Legislative Council that there was no evidence of organized Communism in the colony. Nevertheless, he said, this was no excuse for complacency or for lack of unceasing vigilance. — China Mail Special.

Present Trouble

San Francisco, Dec. 27. Mrs. Charles Husted has decided that handcuffs as a Christmas present for her five-year-old son were not such a good idea after all.

First, her husband accidentally manacled himself and struggled more than two hours to get loose. Then yesterday, her son, Vincent, locked the handcuffs on his right ankle. Police had to be called to free the lad.

"I've hidden the handcuffs so that neither my boy nor my husband can play with them," Mrs. Husted said today. — U.P.I.

High Decoration For Tito

Djakarta, Dec. 20. President Sukarno presented the highest Indonesian decoration to President Tito. The official Yugoslav news agency Tanjug said Marshal Tito was the first foreigner ever to receive the "Medal of the Guerrilla." Tito is there on a goodwill visit. — U.P.I.

World Champion Arrested On Narcotics Charge

Vernon, Calif., Dec. 20.

The World Welterweight Champion, Don Jordan, and four other men were released on \$1,000 bail each today after being booked on suspicion of possession of narcotics.

The men were arrested early today when police found a marijuana cigarette butt in their car.

Jordan's companions were identified as Pete Ramirez, Emilio, 18, Richard Aragon, Holguin, 18, George Irwin, Chavez, 21, and Javier de Cruz Sanchez, 24, all of Los Angeles.

Arresting officers R. J. Ludwig and R. H. Roth said they stopped the car, driven by Padilla, during a routine check for possible drunk drivers.

The suspects were taken to Vernon police station where they were interrogated until their release at 2 p.m.

Jordan, 24, who won the 147-pound title from Virgil Akins at the Olympic Auditorium here on December 5, protested to officers that he was being given a ride home from a party and was only slightly acquainted with all but one of the men in the car.

The boxer said he had driven his brother and several others to the party in his own car. When his brother and the other men decided to leave early he suggested they take his car, Jordan said.

Jordan's manager, Don Neseth, said the champion "positively wouldn't have anything to do with narcotics and never did."

"He may not be an angel," Neseth said, "but this is out of the question. He was just unfortunate enough to accept a ride home in the wrong car."

Jordan was arrested on November 8 on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon when two women accused him of shooting arrows at them after they asked him to move his car. — U.P.I.

Communists Threaten Sarawak

Sarawak, Dec. 20.

Police had uncovered evidence of Communist activities directed from outside Sarawak, the Governor, Sir Anthony Abell, says in his review of 1958.

In a speech before the Advisory Council, he said that the evidence had been uncovered after investigations. Sir Anthony said: "These activities include fomenting labour unrest for political ends and the indoctrination of the young with Communist philosophy."

He said he would particularly like to mention the existence of Communist cells in Chinese high schools. "Honorable members will recall the part played by these in disturbances in Singapore in 1956 and there is no doubt their purpose is to train youths for violence."

Sir Anthony added: "It need not remind you that this perverted creed has no object other than to disrupt the politics and economy of the country."

Sir Anthony said the Government would take all measures to stamp out Communist activities.

But to do this effectively, the police need the co-operation of the public. The failure of people to pass on information would be a great handicap in "cracking the cancer of Communist disorder from our peaceful land." — China Mail Special.

June Could Not Get Home In Time

Mrs June Walter, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, died here of leukemia today—the day before she had been hoping to fly to England for a last look at her native land.

Special arrangements had been made for the 22-year-old G.I. bride to be flown to Cheltenham by the Military Air Transport Service after she had said she wanted to die at home in England.

Mrs Walter who met her husband, 25-year-old Charles Wal-

ter, in 1954 when he was stationed at an American air base near Cheltenham, had been ill for more than four months with the incurable blood disease, but it was not diagnosed for some time.

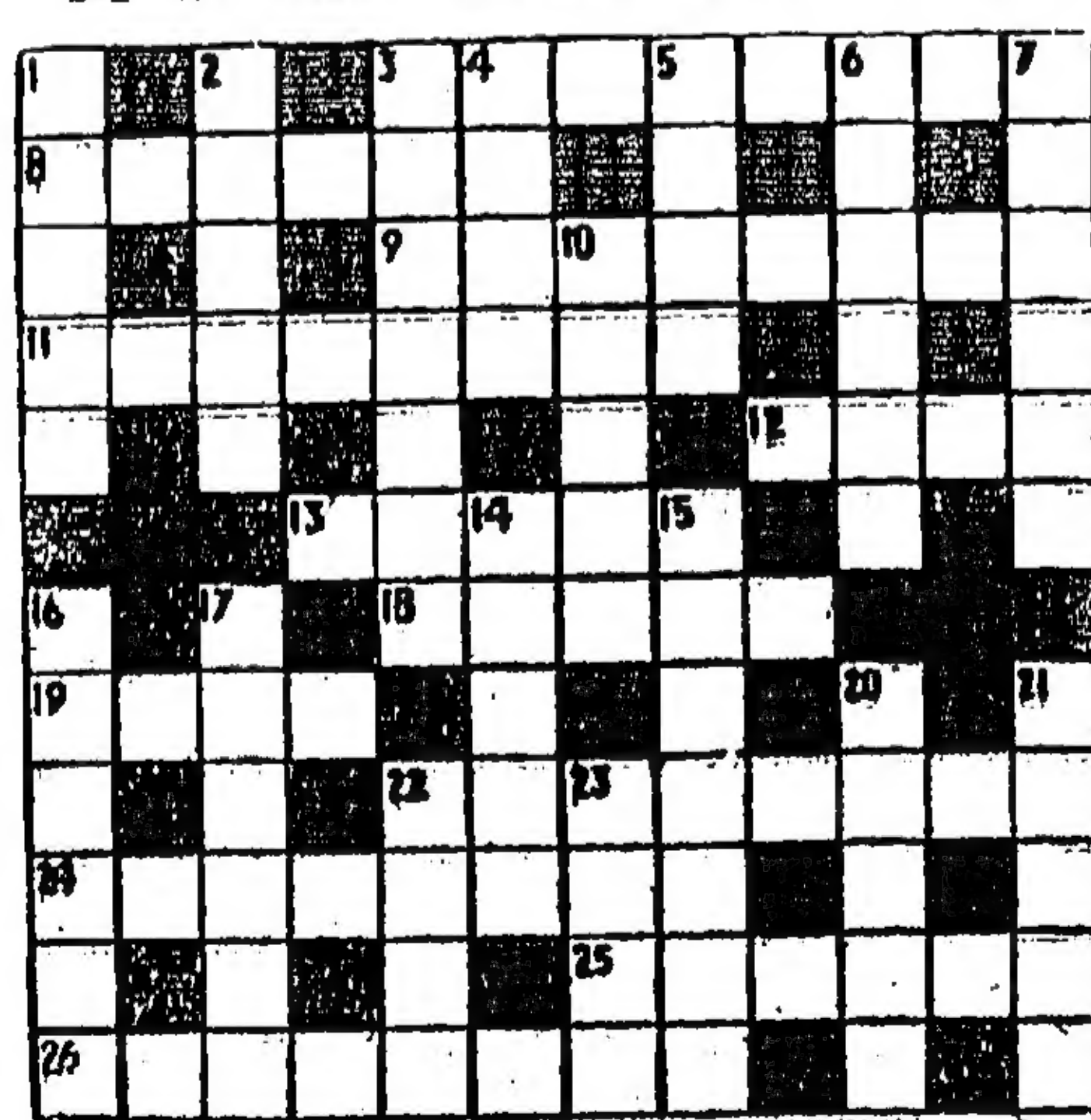
The offer to fly her to England with her children, Robert Glenn,

2, and Dennis Wayne, 10 months, came after a request from Mr. James Duffy, the British consul here, and a local congressman.

Mr. Duffy said he received many offers of financial help from St. Louis citizens after Mrs. Walter's plight became known. Her husband had said he

would not be able to go with his wife on her last flight because he had to stay at work to pay the medical bills. Mrs. Walter was still hoping when she died that she would be able to leave for Britain tomorrow, although her doctor had said the trip was inadvisable. — China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
3 Chinese biscuits? (8).
9 There's nothing like it (6).
10 It's roasting out of doors (8).
11 Takes the chair (8).
12 But no bird's would hold all of it (4).
13 Blank book? (6).
14 Studio land (5).
15 Far from sweet (4).
16 Showing steady application (8).
17 Pugnacious snobbery? (5, 3).
18 Yourself on the staff of a newspaper? (6).
20 Threw away and had a set-to (8).

DOWN
1 Gloomy supply bases (3).
2 Pled player might be (3).
4 Call, or sort of, some initial (4).
5 Peruse (4).
6 More than one little animal of it (4).
7 Again, please (6).
8 Feeding like going map? (6).
9 Legendary brother (8).
14 Fundamental (8).
15 Banned (7).
16 Distributes publications (6).
17 Sung for by Tucker, T. (6).
18 Curves of discomfort to divers (5).
19 Unyielding back (5).
21 Let fall (4).
22 It's designed to be attractive (4).

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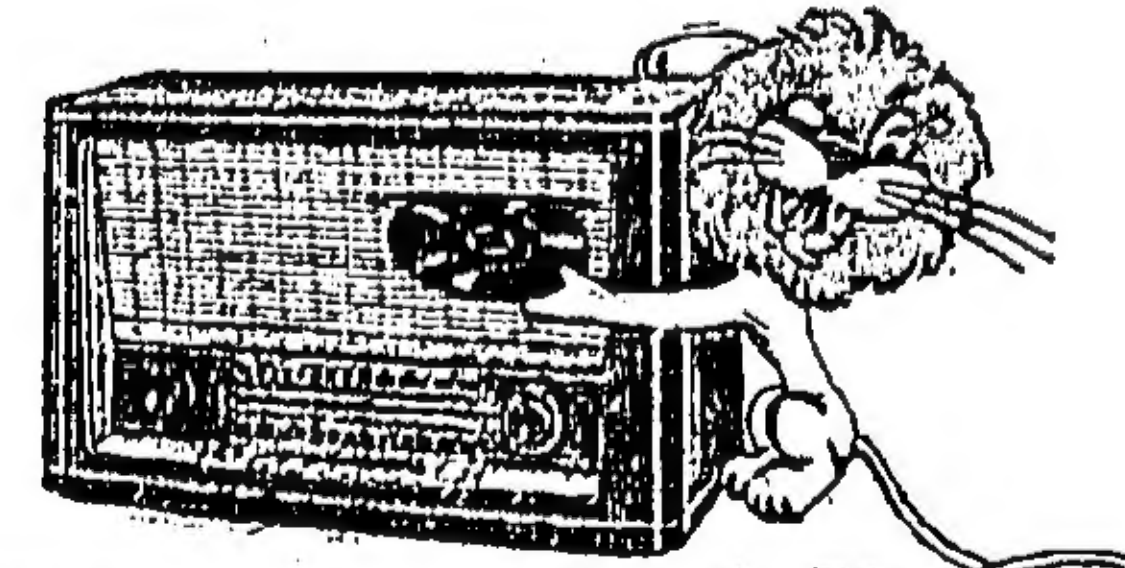
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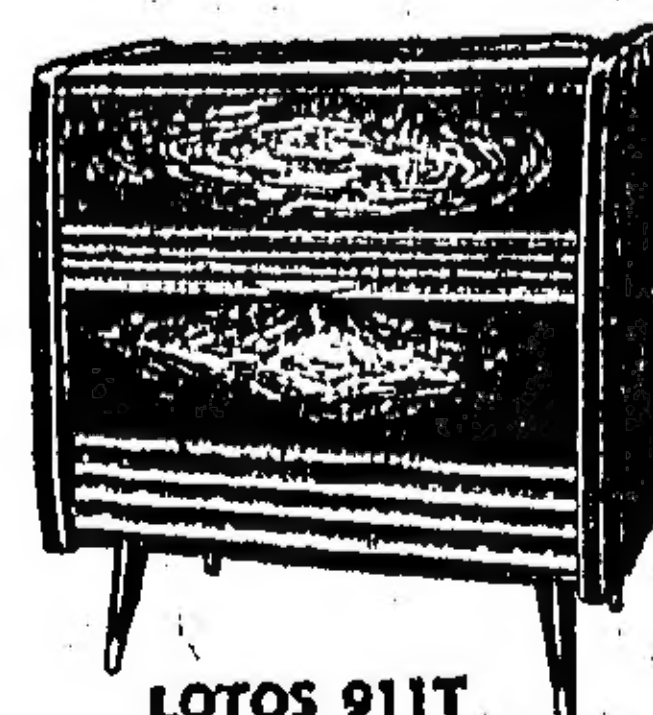
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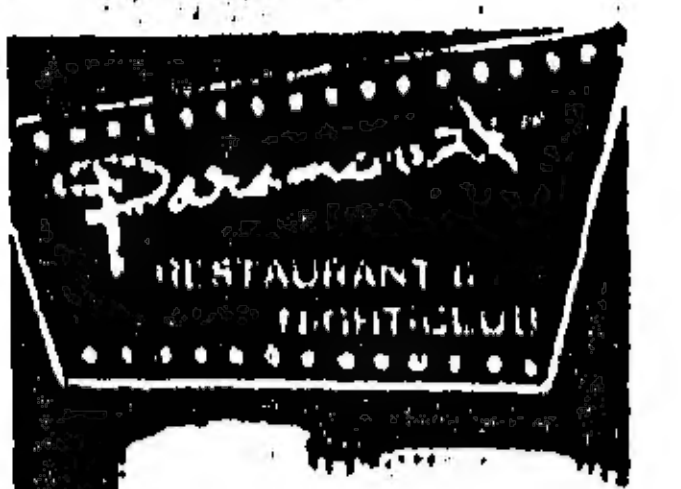


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Guns for Bobbies?

CONSTABLE Raymond Henry Summers wondered if his cold was bad enough to justify his reporting sick, decided it wasn't, said goodbye to the girl he was going to marry and reported for night patrol in London's down-at-heel Holloway district.

A few hours later he lay dead on the pavement outside a local "dancing academy" where teenagers learn to "cha-cha" and "creep."

PETER BURGOYNE'S News From Britain

He had been stabbed in the back while trying to break up a fight. While detectives worked with the deadly dedication they give to a case, the police, a constable was shot down during the siege of a house, a constable was killed in a fight just outside London, and another policeman was attacked in a gun scuffle.

Those who wanted to give guns to the police had hard facts to back their argument. Within a few days, besides the murder of Raymond Summers, a senior Lancashire police officer was shot down during the siege of a house, a constable was killed in a fight just outside London, and another policeman was attacked in a gun scuffle.

This record alone, they argued, was enough to justify their plea that the police be given a chance to defend themselves. The "Ban on Knives" brigade were heavily supported by certain sections of the national press which headlined the case with which anyone can buy flick-knives and daggers in Britain. They made much of the sale of a certain "novelty" which looks like an automatic pistol but, in fact, conceals a spring-loaded blade which flicks out when the trigger is pressed.

Already Home Secretary R. A. Butler has refused to ban the sale of the flick-knife gun, but he will doubtless come under Parliamentary pressure to ban the manufacture and sale of all flick-knives and daggers.

If he does so, it will amount to no more than a gesture. For the teen-age hoodlums have already discovered that a relatively inexpensive chef's knife makes a deadly, readily-concealed weapon.

As for pleas to arm the police, I am certain beyond doubt that they will be turned down flat.

To all but a tiny, depraved minority, the British policeman is a friend for the very reason that he is unarmed. He is liked and respected because he keeps the peace armed only with the force of law and the support of the public.

No British Government will risk disrupting this happy relationship between the public and the police.

A hint of how hoodlums who attack the police will be dealt with came from a judge who when sentencing just such a thing, warned that they could expect no mercy.

Always A Queen

RECENTLY, the Queen held a Household party at Buckingham Palace. The Household party is a regular Christmas institution, the Royal Family's gesture of thanks to the Palace staff, who bring along their wives, children and close relatives.

A dance band plays late into the night, the guests drink mild

ale, port and sherry (no hard liquor), and footmen, chauffeurs and chambermaids are chosen to dance with members of the Family.

It's a cozier-than-usual affair with a family flavour.

I thought I'd tell you about this year's Household party, not because anything unusual happened, but because of something the Queen said. The evening was at its height when she said to Prince Philip: "I think we had better leave now, so they can let their hair down."

In these few words, I think, lies all the loneliness of royal existence. Never for the merest fraction of a second can the Queen cease to be the Queen. She can be charming, gay, friendly. But never, never, can she let her hair down. Even in her own home she knows that she must leave a party so that her people can let their hair down.

Election Tactics

BRITAIN'S Socialists have tipped their hand about how they plan to fight the next general election. They have based on current unemployment figures, higher now than for some years, to conjure up the bogey of the "grey thirties" when depression gripped the nation and unemployment stalked the land.

They have chosen their ground well. The prospect of unemployment in their party can make that fear seem real enough. The Conservatives will face a monumental task in trying to overcome it with reason.

The Conservatives are convinced of the effectiveness of their economic policy, which they believe has cushioned Britain against the effects of a worldwide dip in trade. And they are equally convinced that renewed expansion will do much to cut the unemployment figures.

At the same time, they are striving hard to clear up pockets of chronic unemployment by using everything in their power to persuade industrialists to site new developments in areas where unemployment is high and by giving them financial inducement to do so.

The task before the Conservatives is plain. They have to make marked inroads upon unemployment before the Socialist fear campaign can take too firm a hold to be shaken off in time for an election.

Canned

AT one time, and until fairly recently, the most cutting thing one British housewife could say of another was that she fed her family out of cans.

But, as with hire purchase and television, time has vested canned foods with respectability. So much so that last year 3,000 million cans of food were consumed in Britain. And someone has made the interesting, if completely pointless, calculation that if these cans were placed end to end they would circle the world a dozen times, and if piled on top of one another would reach the moon. Which, come to think of it, might be quicker, and cheaper, than firing monkeys from Cape Canaveral.

Panto

I COULD find only one pukka English-style Christmas pantomime listed in London West End entertainment guides. I deliberately exclude the Rodgers and Hammerstein production of "Cinderella" because, first rate though it is, it is not pantomime as we know it. I exclude, too, hardy annuals like "Peter Pan" and "Where the Rainbow Ends," for these are children's plays, not pantomimes.

No, the truly English pantomime is something altogether different. Its formula is as unchangeable as the recipe for Christmas pudding. It has as its theme a popular fairy story or nursery rhyme. "The Babes in the Wood," "Mother Goose," "Puss-in-Boots" are typical.

There must be a Principal Girl played by a soprano, a Principal Boy played by another young woman, a Dame played by a male comic, Robbers, Ballet Men or other knockabout villains played by a dual comedy team, a Good Fairy (another soprano) and a Demon King (bass or baritone).

It can have, as well, (in fact, it must have) balancing acts, jugglers, conjurers and chorus girls. And all the music has to be currently popular songs to permit the audience to join in community singing.

The story, I grant you, is apt to get itself lost in all this. But then everybody expects that, and pantomime continues to flourish. Except in London, where the argument seems to be that all this is really too naive for metropolitan audiences.

A FORMER PRIME MINISTER MAKES AN IMPORTANT DECLARATION

It's time NOW for the Summit

ONLY a few months ago there was widespread discussion on the need for what were called Summit Talks between the statesmen of the leading countries of the world.

I am sure that the demand for a Summit meeting expressed the widespread apprehension of ordinary people that existing tensions must lead to another world war.

Recently in the House of Commons the possibility of such a meeting seems hardly to have been mentioned. Yet the tensions are still there and, with the Berlin situation, have even increased.

What has happened?

To an onlooker it seemed that while the would-be climbers to the Summit all professed their desire to take the journey, every one in turn found he was not ready. He had not got his boots or his walking stick. Meanwhile there has been some activity in the foothills.

Encouraging but...

SOME of these activities are encouraging, notably those concerned with nuclear tests; others, like the German situation, less so. But the manufacture and supply of armaments goes on. More and more weapons get into less and less responsible hands, and instruments of mass destruction and the means of delivering them are perfected.

I am far from being foolishly optimistic as to what could come out of high-level talks. I do not expect some magical transformation of the international scene, but I do, nevertheless, believe that the time is ripe and over-ripe for such a meeting.

Long-range exchanges in the form of Russian Notes and Press conference statements by Mr Dulles got us nowhere.

Is it not time that the leaders got together in informal talks to try to find out what is really in their minds about the future of the world? May we not be continuing to act on assumptions which are not valid today?

The fears

FOR instance, most people assume that the Russians have a vested interest in world tension and that everywhere and in every way they diligently foment it.

It may be so, but it may not. This policy had its roots in fear. The Soviet feared an endeavour by the West to destroy Soviet Russia.

It may be that they feel themselves so strong today that these fears have departed.

It may be that they feel that the glacial pace of the States between them and the West is no longer essential.

It may be that they now have such confidence in their undoubtedly remarkable technical achievements that they believe that Communist economic success will show the world that Communism is the only way for the human race to travel.

Their error

IT may be that the American Government is rethinking its policy. For instance, I found that in the United States there is a growing appreciation of their error in continuing their attitude of refusing recognition to Red China.

The President now has to deal with a Congress overwhelmingly Democratic. Presumably he will have to come to terms with it.



by THE RT. HON. EARL ATTLEE

K.G., O.M., C.H.

imaginative proposal for a reform of UNO on these lines.

I do not see why we must always wait to agree with the United States on every point before going to a conference.

This at once makes it a continuance of a line-up comparable to that on the plane of armaments.

Let us lead

WE are, and I hope always will be, in close relations with the United States, but we do not necessarily view everything from the same angle.

The same applies in the Commonwealth, but it does no harm to recognise differences. There is the rest of the world to consider outside the leading Powers.

Bold move

I THINK that it is time to make an effort to revivify the United Nations Organisation. I do not believe that we can make great progress in disarmament without the establishment of the rule of law under a world authority which will involve a degree of yielding some measure of the absolute sovereignty which States demand for themselves today.

I should like to see our Government meet Russia and the United States with a bold,

Let the heads get together now. Too often lately it has appeared to the world that Russia has taken the initiative. Let Britain lead.



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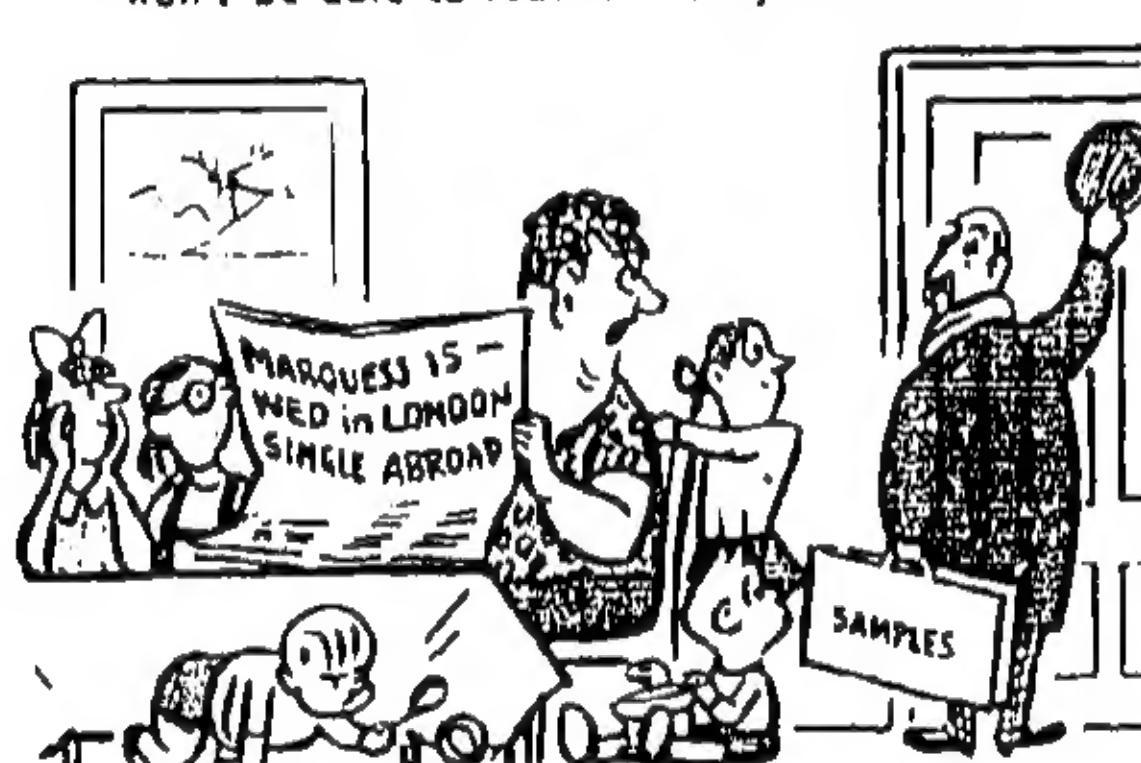
Friell



"Welcome to BOAC, sir. Your first job is to ally the widespread unrest caused by the report on the causes of widespread unrest!"



"If they get those starlets any younger their fans won't be able to read the sexy sub-titles!"



"I wonder what you are when you leave London on your so-called commercial travelling?"

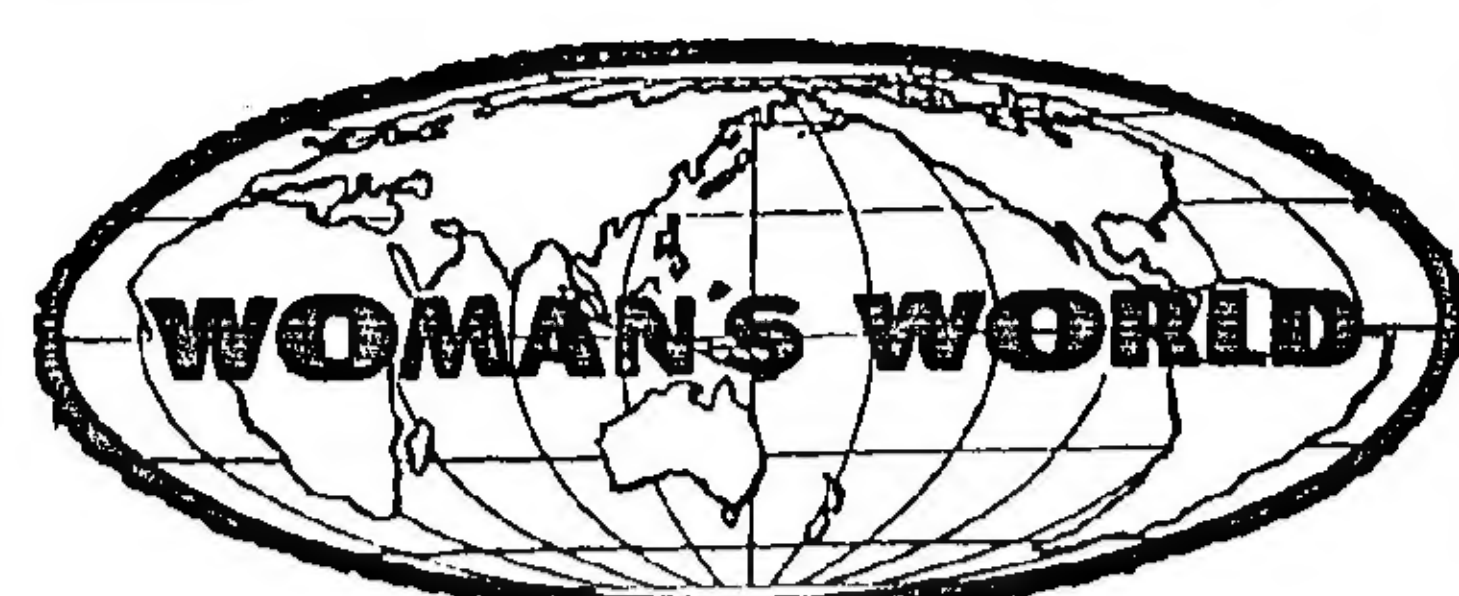


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WOMANSENSE



THE END OF ISOLATION?

THERE is a strange new twist emerging in American racial relations... a twist that Negroes must regard with some irony.

A soft spot has developed in the nation's colour complex... for Oriental.

Every day sees new evidence of the influence coming in from across the Pacific. Things Eastern are much in mode—in all parts of life.

IN THEIR HOMES—Americans are falling for the "new living look" of Oriental furniture and decor. Even when it comes to gouging out wells in living-room floors there is no reluctance to keep up with the trend.

IN THEIR CLOTHES—An African woman is going gossamer. The American woman is adapting herself to slinky, high-necked pyjamas, the more daring actresses are attending first nights in tight skirts slit Japanese style along the thighs.

In Europe eye make-up is taking a long upward curve and the newest hair styles follow Madam Butterfly.

Even canned chop suey is finding a widening market.



Picture by Norman Eales

BARBARA GRIGGS GETS IN FIRST WITH A NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

SURE, SHE'S SMART BUT SHE'S THE ONE

WOMAN I HOPE TO SEE LESS OF IN 1959

IT is the one colour you never get tired of. It's the only colour you can wear to a party six nights of a week and no one will really register it's the same dress all the time.

It's the only colour you feel really safe in if you are not terribly clever with clothes.

A background

It will take you to most places. It's photogenic. It's a good background for any jewellery you happen to have, or good furs, or expensive hats.

It makes you look slimmer. It makes you look poised and interesting. It's BLACK that I am talking about, as any fashion-conscious woman will have known from the word go.

Given a basically simple shape, the same black dress can take you

to the office, out to a smart lunch (add hat), on to cocktails (add scent, jewels, furs ad lib.), out to dinner, and (stretching a point), out to a night club.

The identical dress in clerical grey would have dropped out somewhere around teatime.

For an irresistible example of the species, take a look at the dress on the left: a sleeveless Empire-line dress in soft crepe, with a deep V-neckline and a tiny crêpe-a jacket.

You can buy it in the shops for 9½ guineas. You will wear it a hundred times. And you will be happy in it.

But there is just one snag about black.

Go to any cocktail party—take a look round any restaurant—run an eye over the women in a nightclub. What are they all wearing? Black, of course.

Black may be the most distinguished colour there is—but there is not much distinction in a uniform.

Black may be flattering to your figure; cream may be kinder to your complexion.

On and on

Black may be a marvellous background for your pearls—but who wants to wear a background? Black can go on and on—cocktails, dinners, theatre, nightclub, the lot: so it can—in a crowd.

At a very glossy party recently, with the cream of London's Best Dressers present, there was only one woman NOT wearing black: her emerald green erupted into the party like a gun going off.

(London Express Service)

Gifts Of Beauty



By VERA WINSTON

COUNTERS are piled high with a wealth of beautiful lingerie that seems made for holiday gifting. This boudoir pair is one example. To accompany a waltz-length gown of the same material, the designer has added a peignoir of the nylon tricot with much black interest, with a scalloped yoke of nylon lace. There is lace ruffling on the sleeves and collar, as well. A satin bow with long streamers holds the garters from the yoke. The gown has a high bodice of lace and small puffed sleeves.

YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

BORN today you have more than average personal courage, but your tendency is toward acting with deliberation. You often get into serious difficulties because of your impulsiveness. You are quick to assist and when you say things at such times you are apt to say the wrong thing. You are a characterist who was apparently left out of your nature. You are what you think, no matter the company or the circumstances. Although it is not your nature to do otherwise, you might get along better with people if you would cultivate self-control and the art of being polite.

This is a definite element of greatness in your nature, but everything depends upon what you make of your talents. You are one of those "self-made" individuals, lacking perhaps in formal education, your road to success may not be an easy one. But when it comes it will be all the more satisfying, for you will know that you have overcome many handicaps, or none.

By nature you are a "home body" and the reality of your happiness will be in your own home and family. You by nature are a person who will do anything for those you love. You have a capacity for enjoying life tremendously and the atmosphere around your house is usually convivial and pleasant.

Among those born on this date are: William E. Gladstone, British statesman; Andrew Johnson, U.S. President; Charles Macintosh, Scottish chemist and inventor; Ann Packer, inventor and rubber manufacturer.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Unexpected happiness may be the best way to accept them all graciously. You've earned them!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—If you are planning to be the host or hostess on New Year's Eve, finish all preparations now.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—In dealing with your business, superior show tact and you'll get what you want now.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—If there is a difference of opinion with your marriage partner, try to solve it at once.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—Home duties can become quite demanding today as the year is turning toward its end.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Buy a piece of jewelry for the one you love. Probably you can find a good buy, too!

STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Peg, Winged Horse

—Baron Munch Sailed Through The Air On Her—

By MAX TRELL

"I WAS just reading a story in this book," Baron Munch was saying to his good friends Knarf and Hanid, the Shadows with the Turned-About Names, "about some Cowboys. They used to spend most of their time riding on their Horses."

Here Knarf suddenly interrupted to say: "I think Cowboys ought to be called Horse-boys."

The Right Name

But Hanid told her brother that "Cowboys" was exactly the right name for Cowboys.

"Because," she explained, "although Cowboys spent most of their time riding on their Horses, it was only because they had to take care of the big herds of Cows or Cattle—that lived on the ranches."

"That's quite correct, my child," said Baron Munch. "But let me get back to the Horses again."

"As I just said, I was reading a story in this book and it reminded me of a wonderful White Horse that was once given to me as a present many years ago. The name of the Horse was Peg."

"Why was it so wonderful?" Knarf wanted to know.

"Peg had wings," Baron Munch replied.

"A Horse with wings, Baron Munch?" cried Hanid in astonishment. "Did it really have wings or are you just making it up?"

True Story

Baron Munch insisted that the story about Peg, the Winged Horse, was true and, just to

prove it, he told the story from the beginning.

"Now I was out West visiting the Quiggley-Q Ranch. There were lots of Cowboys and hundreds of Cows and a great herd of Horses."

"One morning, Hank, the Foreman of the Ranch, asked me if I wouldn't like to spend the day riding over the plains. I didn't notice any wings. All I noticed were two white heaps of feathers on her shoulders. A moment later, we were trotting off, while Hank and the crowd of Cowboys shouted good luck to me."

Gentlest Horse

"We'll get you Peg to ride," he said. "She's the gentlest Horse in the whole corral. When you sit on her back, you'll think you're sailing through the air like a Bird."

"Well," continued Baron Munch, "they brought out this fine White Horse. They saddled her and I got on her back. I didn't notice any wings. All I noticed were two white heaps of feathers on her shoulders. A moment later, we were trotting off, while Hank and the crowd of Cowboys shouted good luck to me."

"But hardly had we trotted to the end of the corral than, suddenly, the two heaps of feathers spread out in two beautiful wings. We rose off the ground like a great white Bird."

Folded Her Wings

"We sailed through the air just as Hank, the Foreman, had said we would. It was the most wonderful horseback ride I ever



Peg spread her wings and they rose off the ground.

took. We flew over the plains and over the hills and over the valleys. Far below I could see the herds of Cows grazing. Once or twice, Peg flew down to take a drink of water at a stream.

"She was the gentlest and loveliest and swiftest Horse that ever lived."

"When we returned to the corral again, late that night, Peg folded in her wings once more like two heaps of feathers."

After Baron Munch finished telling his story, Knarf and Hanid begged him again to tell them whether the story about Peg, the Flying Horse, was true or not.

"But of course it's true," he told them. "Once upon a time, long ago, there was a Horse called Pegasus. Pegasus had wings, too. Horses with wings are not as common as Horses without wings. But if you go out West to a certain ranch where the Foreman's name is Hank, I'm sure you'll find a Horse named Peg, with two heaps of feathers on her shoulders, which are really

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Alvin—you shouldn't have! Just because I said I'd meet you at the candy counter!"

JACOBY on BRIDGE

SOUTH looked over dummy carefully and reflected that either he, his partner or both of them had bid too much and that there would be little, if any, play for his game contract.

After this reflection South let the king of hearts hold the opening lead. West shifted to the ace and another trump and South saw a glimmer of hope. He went up with dummy's king—maybe the queen would drop. It didn't, but South was ready to operate.

He played a heart to his ace, ruffed his last heart, cashed dummy's ace and king of clubs, ruffed a club and led a trump. East was in with the queen of trumps and could not wait to lead another heart and force to operate.

♥+CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been:
1♣ Double 1♠ Pass
2♣ Double Pass
You, South, hold:
♠ 7 6 5 4 3 2 ♠ 7 3 2 ♠ 4 3 2
What do you do?
A—Bid two hearts. This is the best of the many evils confronting you.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:
♠ 7 6 5 4 3 2 ♠ 7 3 2 ♠ 4 3 2
What do you do?
Answer Tomorrow

NORTH 14	
♠ K 9 5	
♥ J 2	
♦ A Q 7 6	
♣ A K 8 4	
WEST (D) EAST	
♠ A 6	♠ Q 7 4
♥ K 8	♥ Q 10 7 4 3
♦ K J 9 5 4	♦ 10
♣ Q 10 7 2	♣ J 6 3
SOUTH	
♠ J 10 8 3 2	
♥ A 6 5	
♦ 8 3 2	
♣ 8 5	
No one vulnerable	
West North East South	
1♦ 1NT 2♥ 2♠	
Pass 4♣ Pass Pass	
Opening lead—♥K	

South. South was ready for the force.
He trumped with his last trump, thereby squeezing West. West had to go down to two diamonds to keep the queen of clubs. South chucked dummy's last club, took the diamond finesse and made the last two tricks with the ace and seven of diamonds.

East could have broken up the squeeze when he was in with the queen of trumps. All he needed to do was to lead his singleton diamond and South would have to use up dummy's last club in order to get to his own hand.



Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Chopped Beef Dishes Solve Budget Problem

"MANY thanks to you and the Chef for helping me solve many of my menu problems through your 'column,'" writes a young homemaker.

"My husband is a movie actor, not regularly employed. Even when he makes good money, we have to stay on a budget so as to have some left over to live on when he's between engagements."

Thrifty Dish

"One of the dishes we have found a lifesaver is your Chopped Beef Stew. It's not only quick, easy and thrifty but break up meat and distribute tastily, too. Sometimes I serve it

Cornmeal Bread Batter: Make ½ recipe standard-sweet cornmeal batter, or use not-sweet cornmeal mix, following directions on pkg.

Dinner

Salads of Vegetable-Stuffed Tomato Chopped Beef Pie Cornmeal Bread Crust Carrot Rounds Quick-Cooked Cabbage Apple Tapioca Whipped Topping Coffee Tea

Chopped Beef Stew-On-Toast In bowl, place 1½ lbs. chopped or ground beef. Sprinkle over 1 tsp. monosodium glutamate and 1 tsp. salt. Mix with fork to break up meat and distribute seasonings.



TWO TASTY MEAT DISHES that are kind to the budget are Beef Stew with Vegetables and Beef Pie with Cornmeal Crust.

with curried dumplings, sometimes on toast.

"Perhaps you'll give the recipe again to help other homemakers."

All measurements are level.

Chopped Beef Pie With Cornmeal Crust: In mixing bowl, combine 1½ lbs. chopped lean beef, 1 tsp. monosodium glutamate, 1 tsp. salt, ½ tsp. pepper, 1 tsp. Worcestershire and ¼ c. tomato juice. Mix with fork to distribute seasonings. Press gently into oiled 9-in. pie plate.

While meat bakes 25 min. in slow-oven, 325° F., prepare cornmeal topping.

Remove beef from oven. Spread Cornmeal Bread Batter over top. Increase oven heat to 400° F., and bake 20 min., or until lightly browned.

Dumpling Trick Of The Chef

To make curried dumplings, follow directions on pkg. of biscuit mix, adding 1½ tsp. curry powder.



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NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard.

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The price of admission will be \$2.00 each per day payable at the Gate.
Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.
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By Order of the Stewards,

A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 27th December, 1958.

ARMY SHATTERS TUNG WAH

Hobbling Holland Makes Dutchmen Out Of Chinese Defenders

By I. M. MACTAVISH

This was a great victory for a fighting, stop-at-nothing, no-surrender Army side. The soldiers plucked, pricked, perforated and finally burst the Tung Wah bubble and sent the so-called championship challengers crumbling down to football humiliation.

There was no fluke about the victory. It was won on merit. The record books will only show that the Army won by three goals to one but these cold impersonal statistics will tell but a fraction of the truth.

This was by far the best Army performance of the season. They fought tenaciously for every ball; they matched their more fancied opponents every inch of the way; in the end they outplayed them and went on to collect two valuable points which should do as much to raise their prestige and morale as it does to placing the Tung Wah myth in its right perspective.

Tung Wah were a collection of badly disconnected units and the fair-sized crowd which congregated at Caroline Hill yesterday saw them taken by the scruff of the neck and shaken out of their smug complacency by a hard-luckling "all-around" Army side.

Big Disappointment

The Chinese boys were a big disappointment to their supporters. They never got going and big names in the side were the biggest offenders. The two inside-forwards, Stars Ho Ying-fun and Lo Kwok-tai did absolutely nothing and, as a result, their very ordinary wingers were seldom over in the picture. Kwok Moon-wah could make no progress against the well-timed tackling and close marking of "Ginger" Woodcock and all in all it must be a long time since the whole forward line was so completely blotted out.

On this form their journey to the Hongkong stadium next week-end to play South China is practically unnecessary. The little Hongkong fans will laugh at any suggestion that Tung Wah are still a serious threat to the champions.

The Chinese defence was little better than the front line and Seto Yiu had his worst game in seasons. He was not on his own, however, and long before the end Lee Kwok-wah, Ng Wai-man and Chan Fui-hung were run ragged. They found the pace too hot and the unrelenting pressure of the soldiers too much for them. Their irritation and damaged dignity were very obvious.

Deplorable Tactics

Before going on to discuss the Army players let me say a few very blunt words about the "brute bug" which is eating the heart out of our football at the present time.

Some of the tactics and tackling employed by the Tung Wah defenders late in this game were deplorable. Army attackers in possession of the ball were sent sprawling to the ground time after time and if Holland and Eyres were the ones to suffer most it was only because the other forwards were a shade luckier. Several of the tackles which finally reduced Eyres to a much bandaged hobbling hulk were as dangerous as anything we have seen in a season that is visibly wasting under the cancerous influence of crude, dirty football. In yesterday's Tung Wah defence I name Chan Fui-hung, Mr. Wai-man and Wong Chi-kong as guilty parties.

Mr. Seto Yiu trying hard to make it an unsavoury quarrel. Having said all that let me add that there is nothing but a huge "black mark" against the name of Army winger Johnston for his dangerously provocative action in trying very hard to

strut up trouble in a personal feud with Ng Wai-man after the game was over. The referee had left the field but I was cleared to see a linesman keeping a weathered eye on the impetuous soldier. I hope he subsequently reported what he saw to the referee. With a word of commendation for Ng Wai-man whose post-match conduct—no matter what he had done during the game—was above reproach.

Deserving Win

The Army players have never deserved victory more than they did in this game. They won without ever being a classical or cultured team. In fact they won by sticking to honest endeavour and by snapping up their chances when they came their way.

Head and shoulders above everyone else on the field was Whelan, the soldier's left-half. The big fellow played a grand game. He was here, there and everywhere. His interceptions were well-timed and his passes generally made with a purpose—even if they didn't always find their mark. He was tireless in defence and relentless in pushing his forwards into the attack. His was indeed a first class performance. On the other side of the field started shakily but when he realised that Lo Kwok-tai could be effectively tamed, he came into the picture with a bang and he stayed there, right to the end.

Woodcock, who was well supported by Davies and Sharp, was immense. There is nothing delicate or attractive about the redhead but when he's getting a good deal from fortune he is a real stunner. Yesterday was his day. He made three magnificent goal line clearances and apart from reducing Kwok Moon-wah to the level of a third tier he still found time every now and again to go up into the attack.

Green has not yet settled down in goal. He does some very good things and some that are—in a goalkeeping sense—quite irresponsible. The ability in there all right as some of his spectacular saves showed—experience, that vital commodity which cannot be measured, is, however, still lacking.

Surprisingly Good

The Army forward line, which was again without McKenzie, played surprisingly well. Eyres is a real find and he could develop into a top class winger. Holland was as gallant, and as unlucky, as ever. He was injured in a clash with Wong Sul-woo in the first minute of the game and limped around for the next 89 minutes. . . . but he limped to excellent purpose as his two goals and two near misses testify.

Nellany was the more mobile and better of the two inside-forwards although there was a lot to admire in the cool, studied play of Hutchinson.

Johnston was again a disappointment. Maybe I am just unlucky but I have still to see this well-built winger play as well as folks tell me he can.

The match got off to an exciting start. Green slipped into trouble in Tung Wah's first attack and Woodcock saved the situation by heading brilliantly round the post. At the other end Holland and Wong Sul-woo

clashed in the Army's initial uphill surge. Both were injured but the goalkeeper made the better recovery. Holland limped his way through the rest of the game.

Penalty For Army

The tide was soon flowing strongly in the Army's favour. First Johnston shot into the goalkeeper's arms and then Nellany sent a grand drive whizzing just outside the post with the Chinese defence buzzing around in near panic. It was Eyres' turn next and he was very unlucky to see a smashing close-in volley rebound off the Tung Wah goalkeeper and go behind.

Such pressure was bound to tell and in the 28th minute a desperate defender handled and Johnston put the Army into the lead from the penalty spot.

Seven minutes later Tung Wah were back on level terms. The ball moved quickly from the right wing across the field to the left and, with Green out of position, Ng Wai-hung scored from a narrow angle despite a brave try by Woodcock to beat the ball out.

The teams turned round all square but the second half was over four minutes old when Holland put the soldiers ahead with a real opportunist goal. He watched a long ball carefully and at the vital moment nudged it gently and accurately over his own half into the goal.

The ladies' division saw the Hurricanes lash out a hitting attack with four solid honors that accounted for seven runs batted in, in their match against the last-placed Toreros. Credit for the homers are Carmen Matos and Cecilia Ozorio, both of whom batted two pieces. The Toreros are beginning to settle

Main Target

Eyres, who was leading Seto Yiu and Wong Chi-kong a merry dance was the main target for "to-night". He was injured several times. In one strong attack he was hurt and, while he retired for attention, Hutchinson—displaying a quick turn of thought—raced to take the corner-kick which had been awarded. He sent a high curling ball to the far post and while the defenders watched as though in a trance Holland rose neatly into the air to divert the ball into the net.

The game was over. The Tung Wah myth was finally exploded.

VERDICT: The Army were streets ahead of the opposition and by their success they have blown stylish all the big matches for Tung Wah's game with South China next week-end. On this form the HKFA will need the scoreboard from Chater Road to keep tally of the proceedings.

It was refreshing to see this healthy fighting display from the soldiers—some of the stuff produced later by Tung Wah was neither as pleasing nor refreshing. . . . nor healthy.

Mr. McLoughlin handled a very difficult game well, indeed. But the Colony referees shoulder a heavy responsibility at the moment. They must deal sternly with persistent offenders and they must get the unreserved backing of the HKFA when they do.

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ARMY SHATTERS TUNG WAH

Mediocre But Enjoyable Week-End Softball SAINTS AND BRAVES KEEP PENNANT HOPES ALIVE WITH ANOTHER WIN EACH

By "TIME OUT"

The softball matches played over the week-end, though not reaching great heights, provided enjoyable light entertainment for all.

In the Senior league the fiery Cheyennes had their chances for the crown greatly reduced when they succumbed to St Joseph's by four runs to two.

In the other game the Braves edged the Pandas by three runs to two to keep their pennant hopes alive.

In the Junior games Onofre Souza's Diamonds pulled the minor league's biggest surprise to date with a fine 6-4 win over the Dodgers whilst the Stardusts after a six-game losing streak rallied to edge the Undergrads by 13 runs to 12. The Eagles, as expected, defeated the Overseas by 13 runs to seven.

The Hurricanes stayed close to the idle South China by handing the Toreros a convincing 17-8 thrashing in the ladies' division.

Fred Dicola's junior Dodgers, favoured to take the pennant, practically threw their chances out of the window when they went down in an humiliating defeat by six runs to four to the Diamonds in a game that they were expected to walk away with.

Winning pitcher Jojo Marques held the Dodgers to four scattered hits whilst fanning six and walking five.

The losers will have to settle down if they still entertain the thought of clinching the title.

Some Opposition

Yes Jack-Jack's Eagles met some opposition from the Overseas but never looked back once they had the lead. The Overseas are improving steadily and should eventually win a game.

A homer to right field by Eagle's Harold Kew in the third highlighted the game.

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down as shown by their eight runs.

The week's big game between the Saints and Cheyennes did not live up to expectation as the latter were way below form and the brand of softball dished out was not what one would expect from a team like the Cheyennes.

The Saints drew first blood at the bottom of the first inning with two runs on four costly errors, and a double by Dave Leonard. The Cheyennes retaliated with one run in the second inning. With one down, "Porky" Maltis slashed one of Solleh's pitches over the short rightfield fence for a triple and scored on Onofre Souza's grounder.

Fielding Lapse

The Indians' went on to tie the score on the top of the fourth. Robert Green singled to centre, went down to second on a wild throw by catcher Ribeiro, advanced to third on a wild pitch and stole home after Onofre Souza's long fly to centre was caught.

The jolting Jocks took advantage of the Cheyennes' fielding lapse and notched another run in the sixth and another in the seventh to wrap up the ball game. The Cheyennes tried hard but were unable to make any headway.

The Jocks were not worthy winners as they were definitely not playing up to standard. If they should continue to play like this the Braves will make mincemeat out of them.

The unpredictable Pandas gave the Braves a tough fight before bowing by three runs to two in a game that was played in the best of spirit.

The Junior Stardusts trailing by eight runs exploded in the

bottom half of the fourth inning with a ten-run rally to take the lead in their match against the Undergrads from Pokfulam. The Undergrads' folding went to pieces and aided by four hits the Stardusts really went to town.

The Undergrads replied with a pair of runs in the fifth but the Stardusts came back with another two. The Undergrads added one run in the sixth and another in the seventh to tie the ball game.

In the bottom of the seventh, Stardusts' lead-off batter William Chao bunted neatly and stole second. A sacrifice by Moti Dayaram advanced Chao to third. Carlos Gutierrez popped to leave Chao stranded at third. Stardusts' slugger George Lam then strode up the plate and sent a sizzler to centre for the winning run to snap the Stardusts' six-game losing streak.

Poor Sportsmanship

Incidentally, Pakistan and the United States made their way into the semi-finals of the men's International series with fine wins over the Philippines and Great Britain. The scores were 11-2 and 9-3 respectively. Pakistan will now meet China and the United States will meet Portugal in the semi-finals during the Chinese New Year holidays.

In the ladies' series Portugal displayed poor sportsmanship by not fielding a team of nine by game time. China has but win one more match to take the title.

In conclusion I would like to take this opportunity of wishing one and all a VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Only One Change Likely In England's Team For Second Test

By HARRY GEE

Adelaide, Dec. 28.

England's team for the second Test match against Australia, which starts in Melbourne on Wednesday, is expected to be announced on Tuesday night.

GREAT UPSET SOCCER WIN

Cairo, Dec. 28.

Egypt scored an upset victory here today defeating the West German "All Stars" soccer team by two goals to one.

German national coach Sepp Herberger told newspapermen after the surprise defeat of the German All Stars football team at the hands of Egypt today that the German players were tired after a long-delayed journey.

Herberger also blamed the hard ground and the light ball for the unexpected result of today's match. He said: "Our boys have not trained on such ground before."—France-Press.

The various injuries that have hit MCC will probably prevent Peter May from making the experiment he hinted at recently, and there is likely to be only one alteration from the England side beaten at Brisbane in the first Test.

Raman Subba Row and Arthur Milton, who automatically got out of the reckoning because of their injuries. Ted Dexter is liable to a recurrence of his knee trouble. If he bowls and John Mortimer and Roy Swetnam are unlikely to be chosen for this Test, although Swetnam is batting as well as anyone at the moment.

Richardson, who is at least a recognised opener, gets another chance to strike form in this team, for although some believe that "Bailly" could open adequately, his promotion would weaken the middle of the order batting. This would be dangerous if the early batsmen should fail, particularly if Cowdrey's toe trouble cropped up again.

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The Twelve

Frank Tyson cannot very well be included in our team leaving only 12 players likely to be named from whom a final selection will be made.

The 12, in likely batting order, with the man to be omitted likely to come from one of the pacemen, Peter Loader, Brian Statham or Freddie Trueman, are:—Willie Watson, Peter Richardson, Tom Gravett, Peter May, Colin Cowdrey, Trevor Bailey, Geoffrey Evans, Tony Lock, Jim Laker, Peter Loader, Brian Statham and Freddie Trueman.

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THE GAMBOLS

By Barry Appleby



Definite Choice

Watson, by an odd chance the most doubtful of all the players a month ago after his knee operation, now seems the most definite choice as an opener.

Trueman's inclusion on form would be fully justified. He would certainly strengthen the attack, and his close bowling would be a great asset. On figures at the moment, Trueman's batting average is not far behind Richardson's. It is he, indeed, who has been the Worcestershire player and opener with Bailey and Watson. China Mail special.

OLMEDO 1-1 AGAINST ANDERSON Australia Opens Defence Of Davis Cup Title

Brisbane, Dec. 29.

The stands were packed with some 18,000 people when Mal Anderson opened Australia's defence of the Davis Cup today against Peruvian-born Alex Olmedo in the first singles of the challenge round against the United States.

The court was slightly on the heavy side as a result of over-night rain.

Anderson, down love-30 and then 15-40, volleyed brilliantly to save his service in the fifth game to lead 3-2, and then it was Olmedo's turn to save his service after being down 15-40 to level 3-3.

Both players showed a touch of nerves in the early stages but each won on his own service in the first four games.

Two Aces

After Anderson had gone ahead again on his service, Olmedo once more levelled the score 4-4 with the aid of two aces and a brilliant overhead smash.

Both men were playing exactly the same type of tennis, quickly following up their services to the net.

After further games had gone with service Olmedo saved two set points in the 11th game with two grand passing shots to make it 6-6.

Then Olmedo scored the first breakthrough to take Anderson's service to lead for the first time 7-6.

The Peruvian, now playing confidently, claimed the first set 8-6 by winning his own service to love.

He made sure in this vital

11th game of getting his first service in and following it up to the net and ran quickly to 40-love, and the first set was over when Anderson drove well over the baseline.

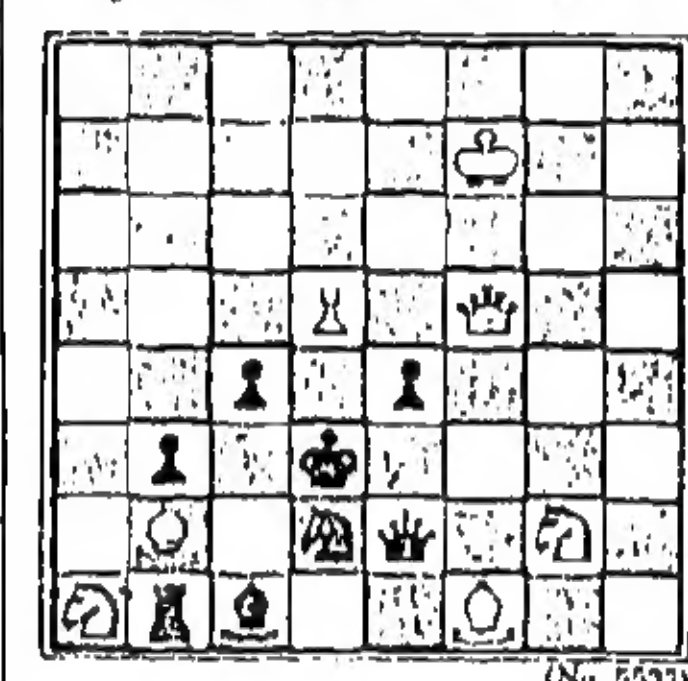
Anderson came right back into the picture in the second set. After holding his own service he broke through, after two deuces, to take Olmedo's service with the aid of a double fault to lead 2-0.

This victory served as a tonic to the Australian who, uncharacteristically, a series of magnificent volleys and passing shot, raced to 6-2 to level the match after taking Olmedo's service for the second time in the eighth game.

—Reuter.

CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



Here is a problem by J. J. when the Masnad 1959. White to play and mate in two moves.

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Army North Still Hexangular Rugby Leaders BEAT ARMY SOUTH 11-6 IN A 'TIGHT' GAME

By PAK LO

The Police very nearly repeated their previous week's feat, when on Saturday, after leading by eight points to three at half-time, they were narrowly defeated in a battle royal by the Navy who had to throw everything into the game to overcome the phoenix-like Police-men by 11 points (one goal, two tries) to eight (one goal, one try). At Kai Tak, the Club despite a twenty-minute spell in the second half when they relaxed, never looked like losing, and comfortably consolidated their place near the top of the Hexangular Table by trouncing the airmen by 21 points (seven tries) to nil.

At Boundary Street, Army North keeping the ball tight throughout the game beat the Southerners by 11 points (one goal, one try, one penalty goal) to six (two penalty goals).

In the only minor match of the afternoon, the sailors from the "Albion" proved much too strong for Club "B" whom they defeated with ease by 16 points (two goals, two penalty goals) to six (one try, one dropped penalty goal).

The Hexangular Table therefore shows little changes, though Army South can now be considered out of the running and the race would seem to be between Army North and Club Navy who are lying third, play the Southerners next week, when they will be at their weakest for some time.

Army North v. Army South

As expected the Army North controlled the lineouts with Wynn and Muntz as usual taking the honours.

Only Mander seemed to be able to put up a fight against them, and he did not get

enough support from the rest of his pack.

In the loose the Northerners were slightly superior with Hill at wing-forward playing the game of his life.

For the first half the Southerners heeled regularly, but the ball stuck steadily in the second row of the scrum, and Clarke could not get it away in time to do any damage, as the Northerners were always on him.

Smoother Threes

In the second half the Army North controlled the scrums as well as the lineouts, but were obviously feeling the strain. Phillips at scrum-half was excellent but his partner, the other Phillips did not settle down too well, and there were few three moves by Army North.

Army South had the smoother threes with Goulds playing very well in the centre, but Brown on the wing, outside him, was definitely out of form.

Sharp made a wonderful full-back, but as a result of placing him there, the Army South lost one of the strongest points of their attack, and in effect turned their back division into a defensive instead of an offensive one.

Leppard at full-back for Army North was never in trouble, and was very much

on form, with all his old smoothness.

The Army North started with a strong forward attack, and Bede-Cox missed three penalties from 25 yards, but in the tenth minute finally managed to get one over, 3-0.

The Southerners retaliated with an attack by their three but they were lying too flat and were easily tackled by Army North's strong defence.

Another forward attack by the Northerners took the ball to within twenty yards of the Army South line. South heeled but Hill breaking fast, though perfectly on side, got the ball and scored well out. Bede-Cox converted to make the half time score 8-0.

A Fumble

Army South opened the second half with a strong attack, and looked like scoring until Peadar cleared his line. South came back again with Berrigan and Goulds combining well, but a fumble gave Army North a chance and they went to the South 25, where Bede-Cox missed another penalty.

Then as play swung back, Sharp put the Southerners back into the game with a penalty conversion, 8-3.

Seconds later it looked as if Army North were in the clear when Bede-Cox kicked another

MCC 176 FOR 8 AGAINST SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Adelaide, Dec. 29.
South Australia's hopes of forcing a win against the MCC, 186 ahead with only three second innings wickets left at stumps on Saturday, were dashed this morning as their bowlers failed to make a breakthrough, and the MCC at lunch were 176 for eight—228 ahead with two wickets still intact.

The tourists were mainly in-

debited to Roy Swetman for their safe position at the adjournment. The wicket-keeper, 10 on Saturday, was 60 not out after a grand knock. He started slowly, scoring his first boundary after 100 minutes, but reached his half century in 177 minutes. He scored mostly on the on-side.

Tyson's was the only wicket to fall this morning after he

and Swetman had held up the South Australian attack for 45 minutes when the home side were eager for a quick breakthrough. He was dismissed by Martin for 15 at 137.

Arthur Milton, despite an injured finger, came in after Tyson was out, and at the adjournment he was 11 not out.—Reuter.

penalty from the 25 and the two touch-judges raised their flags to the whoops of the crowd. However, the referee decided that it had gone over the upright.

Army North pressed steadily for the next few minutes but Sharp again sent them down. Given another chance on the 25 he again converted, 8-8.

But Army North were not to be denied their two points, and in the last minute Hill got the ball on the 25 from an Army South fumble and streaked through to score well out. No conversion, 11-8.

Club v. RAF

This was a wide open game from start to finish. The Club threw the ball around, making it look so easy in the process, while the Airmen fighting gallantly also kept it open.

Once again Martin was the star of the RAF side, but it looked as if they had lost him at half-time when his shoulder was displaced. Getting into a car to go to hospital he stumbled and his shoulder clicked back into place. Without him in the second half the RAF would have gone to a fantastic defeat.

Slackened Off

The Club scored four tries in the first half for with their superiority in every department of the game, they could hardly do otherwise. Then, being the Club, they slackened off for the first twenty minutes of the second half, and finally scored another three tries in the last ten minutes.

Practically all the Club players deserve mention, and in all it was a good practice game for the Club. Tries were scored by Browne (2), and one each by Penman, Addis, Howe, and Bennett.

Navy v. Police

The Police played their usual hard busting forward game that has upset better teams than the Navy before now, and throughout the whole of the first half the Navy could find no answer to the touch-kicking, hacking Police forwards.

Gradually in the second half the Navy three line, who were always trying to play an open game, got going, with Haenga and Lucas the two halves settling down very nicely. They were greatly assisted by Hollick at lock, an English Trialist, and a Devonport Services and Navy player.

In the second half the Navy held the ball for a few seconds in the scrum and the Police wing-forwards who were coming through like jets found themselves being penalised for offside. This upset them and slowed them down and gave Haenga a chance to get his three going.

Watson and Delaney were good in both attack and defence, and Puttock showed more promise than he has done so far.

One Man Short

The Police played the second half with one man short, and though it made only a slight difference, the difference was there and the Police can console themselves with the thought that had they played with 15 men throughout they might have won.

In the first half Police pressed strongly and Haigh breaking fast from a scrum five yards from the Navy line intercepted a pass and scored in the corner. No conversion, 8-0.

The Police really looked like winners at this stage, and half way through Haigh again intercepted a wild and woolly pass and scored near the posts for Johnston, who played very well throughout to convert, 8-0.

Navy retaliated and from a scrum sent the ball across the three to Puttock who scored well out. No conversion, 8-3. In the second half with tenaciously dominating the scrums and the weight of the Navy pack beginning to tell the Police forwards lost their "tiger" and in

Hexangular Table

Following is the up-to-date table of the Hexangular tournament—

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Army North	4	4	0	0	0	21	8
Club	4	3	0	1	4	19	6
Navy	4	2	1	1	4	20	6
Police	4	1	0	3	19	4	2
RAF	4	1	0	3	9	2	2
Army South	4	0	1	3	26	7	1

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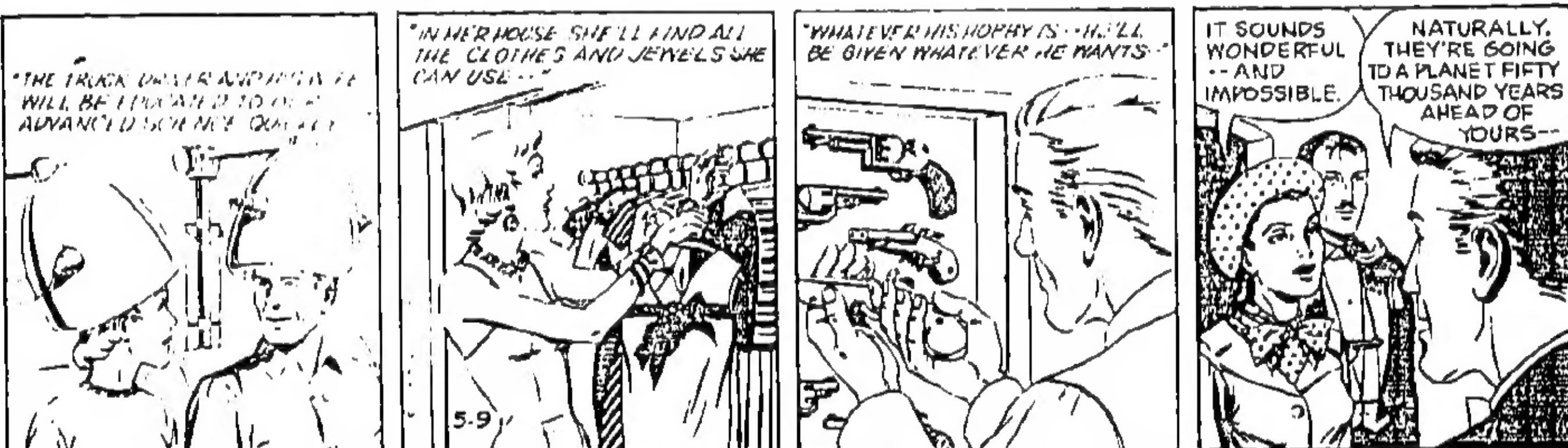
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DID G. B. SHAW TAKE "FAIR LADY" PLOT FROM GIRL?

Story
Written
15 Years
Before
Pygmalion

London.
George Bernard Shaw borrowed the idea
for the "My Fair Lady" play, Pygmalion,
from a story written over 60 years ago
by an Australian girl.

British author James Bennett has made this claim
supported by Ward Lock & Co. who
published the original story.

Australian novelist Ethel Turner wrote the story when
10 years old, Mr Bennett says.

The story, "Child of the
City", was published in Lon-
don in 1907, 15 years before
Shaw wrote "Pygmalion", he
said. "It is perfectly obvious
that Shaw copied the idea from
Ethel Turner's story," he added.

"The similarities are too
numerous for it to have been a
coincidence."

Ethel Turner's story appeared
in the long defunct "Windmill
Magazine", which belonged to
Ward Lock and Company.

"Obvious"

Ward Lock's spokesman said
it was perfectly obvious that
Shaw used the Ethel Turner
story as the basis for "Pyg-
malion", although he did develop
it brilliantly.

He said the company's direc-
tors would discuss the matter.
The company's story is re-
ported to be about a little girl
called Eliza, whom some rich
children and their parents try to
turn into a lady.

The climax comes when
Eliza goes to a children's party
to show what a lady she has
become—and shocks everyone.
Shaw's Pygmalion tells the
story of a professor who took
a Cockney girl under his wing.

The professor, Prof. Higgins,
set out to prove that anybody
could be taught to speak "upper
English".
The Cockney girl Eliza
Doolittle, was the daughter of
a dustman.

Shocked

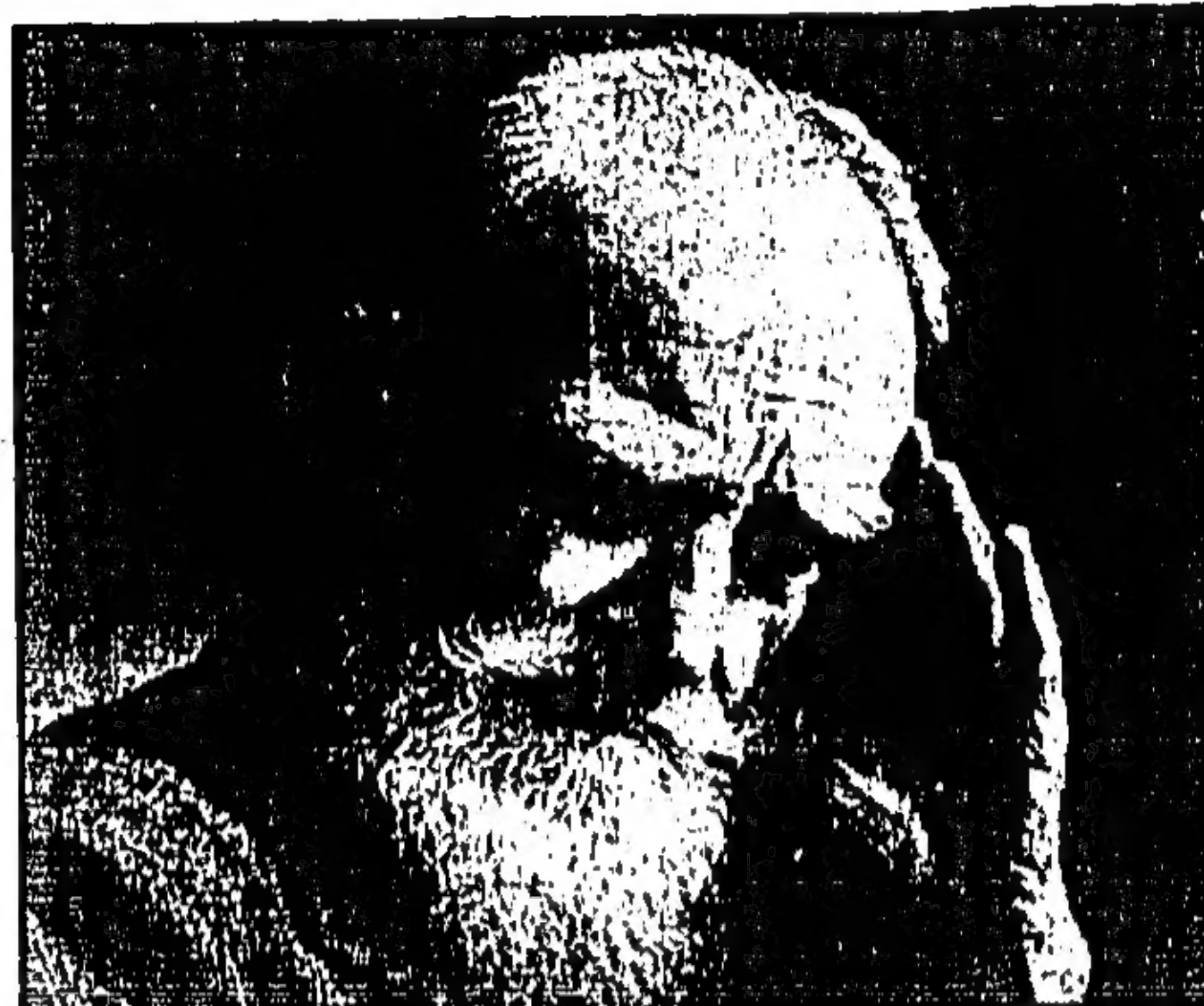
It developed a fine English
but she still shock
people when she chose with
her broad Cockney slang.

A hit scene is at a fashion-
able reception, when she
shocks everyone by saying
"Not bloody likely."

A leading world authority on
Shaw, U.S. professor Dan
J. Quinn was shocked when
he read the claim.

"It is a very serious thing to
suggest that Shaw stole the idea
from a child of ten," he
said. "I just don't believe it," he
said.

Ethel Turner's son, Judge
Adrian Curlew, said in Sydney
that he could not recall his
mother's story "Child of the
City".
Judge Curlew said he did
not contemplate suing for
damages if it were proved that
Pygmalion were "pirated" from
his mother's story.
The stage musical "My Fair
Lady" taken from Shaw's



George Bernard Shaw
Was he a plagiarist?

Pygmalion, is a big success over-

It is at present playing its
148th week on Broadway and
by January next year, will
have earned nearly £4½
million.

The show opened in London
in May this year and is also
likely to break all records.

Shaw's estate is now getting
nearly £1,000 a week from My
Fair Lady royalties.

Normal period of copyright
protection under English law is
the lifetime of the author and 50
years after the author's death.
Ethel Turner died last year in
a Mosman hospital and copy-
right on her writings protect
them until 2007.



Writer Ethel Turner
Died in a Mosman hospital
last April.

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

I AM still being deluged with
literature about the theory
and practice of computers. The
latest pamphlet throws caution
to the winds and assumes that
the multiple regression analysis
of last summer's operating data
is subject to variables.
This is a dangerous finding of
French, Woldenberg, Bur-
ling, and other advocates of
simulation class-intervals, which
work on the "but" system of
correlation coefficients, a non-
intuitive function of statistical
behaviour, though I accept Har-
bold's Law of Mutual Feed-
back, and his theory of
hypothesis resolutions. But
perhaps I am old fashioned.

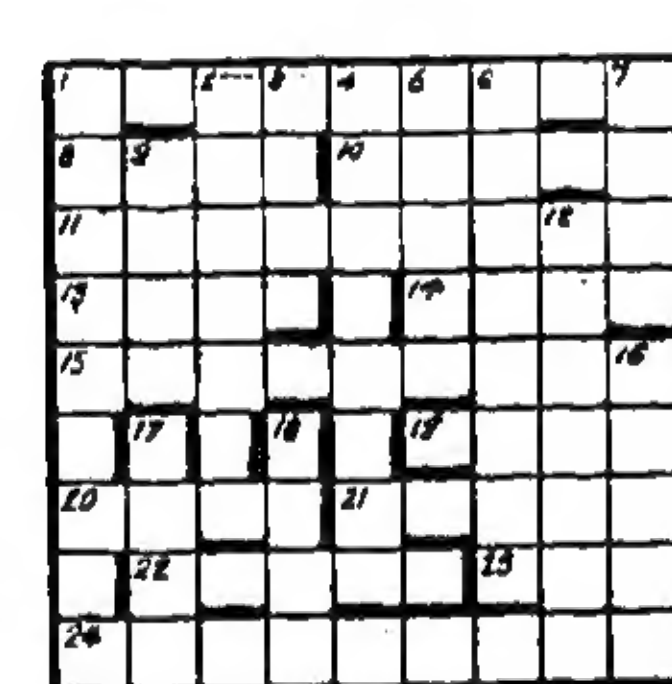
Technical details
LEONARD WROTE
I suggested that in future a
supervisor should carefully
check any group of eggs about
to be photographed to make
sure that there were no human
intruders. The chairman
replied that this suggestion
implied that people were always
getting mixed up with eggs
during photography. Supervisor
Montague Manley said:
"I would add that it would
hardly think that it would
be to the dignity of my position if
I were to be seen at that sort of
work. Any egg suspected of be-
ing a human face could be
deleted by the very best tyro
among our operators." Miss
Benkin, a receptionist at Egg
Bank, asked if Mr. Kippinger's
face had been stamped. She was
told that it had not. The
stamping had been done before
Mr. Kippinger pushed his way in
to the group.

How do you spell it?
A REFERENCE by the hon.
Secretary of the Cambridge
Tiddlywinks Club to the forth-
coming World Tiddlywinks
Congress in the Palais de
Tiddlywinks in Paris
raises the question of spelling.
Some interpret it as "tiddi-
winks". Some use a hyphen,
tiddi-winks. Lance
Gosper, the captain of Waltham-
stow United, says that as tiddi-
winks is called "table-tennis"
tiddlywinks should be called
"floor-tennis". The Argen-
tino team, which plays on horse-
back, favours "hand-polo".

Dutch Cognac?
A WINE importer has ob-
jected to the words "Pro-
duce of Norway" on bottles of
Norwegian Richebourg destined
for this country. "If people
know it comes from Norway,"
he said, "there is no point in
calling it Richebourg." I
understand that the Italian
Haut-Briou is labelled Haut-
Briou Burgundy, "without
saying anything away," as some-
one commented. I swallow
Portuguese Chamberlain Claret.

It is good for me to draw
near to God.—Psalms 73:28.
Some people fear a police-
man more than God.
—Famous Bible Service,
The Cathedral, Ohio.

CROSSWORD



Across
1. Paper for dummies. (6)
2. Conquest. (7)
3. Men that is the way. (9)
4. King of the jungle. (4)
5. Small cattle. (4)
6. Hoolery city. (9)
7. Got up. (6)
8. Letty. (4)
9. Al. Tawar. (8)
10. Men. (5)
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1. Cruiser or destroyer. (6, 4)
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Thailand, 10 a.m.
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Australia, New Zealand, Noon.
Philippines, 1 p.m.
Vietnam, Laos, India, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, 6 p.m.
Hawaii, 6 p.m.
Canada, 6.30 a.m.
Egypt, Switzerland, Portugal &
Italy, 6 p.m.
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FILMS
KING'S & PRINCESS: "Rock-
A-Bye Baby", starring Jerry
Lewis and Marilyn Maxwell.
LEE & ASTOR: "The Square
Peg", starring Norman
Macdonald.
HOOPER & PARAMOUNT:
"The Badlanders", starring
Alan Ladd and Ernest
Borgnine.
STAR & METROPOLE: Gala
Premiere of Michael Todd's
"Around the World in Eighty
Days", starring David Niven,
Cantinflas and Robert New-
ton.
ROXY & BROADWAY: "The
Sheriff of Fractured Jaw",
starring Kenneth More and
Jayne Mansfield.
RITZ: "Destiny Under the Stars",
starring Sophia Loren,
Anthony Perkins and Burt Ives.
MAJESTIC & ORIENTAL: "In
Love and War", starring
Robert Wagner, Dana Wynter

and Jeffrey Hunter.
GRAND: "Run Silent, Run
Deep", starring Clark Gable
and Burt Lancaster.
NIGHT SPOTS
PRINCE'S GARDEN: "The
Mexican Splendor" with Ravel,
Marianas Ken Littlewood, and
Frankie Ferrer, the Dancing
Ballerina.
CARLTON HOTEL: Carlo
Francisco & His Combo with
Lita Sotelo, vocalists.
CHAMPAGNE: 11-11 Twins
from Manila with well known
vocalists and music by Elton
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ASTOR: Anthony Valentine at
Hammond Organ with his
Orchid Grove Melody.
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SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

HIGH SPEED TAPE READER CAN READ 1,000 CHARACTERS A SECOND

A NEW high-speed tape reader made its debut at the Electronic Computer Exhibition in London recently.

It is designed to read standard 5, 7 and 8 hole punched paper tape at any speed up to 1,000 characters per second and can stop within a character. The characters are read by photo-transducers, which are illuminated through perspex light guides. The transducers and guides can be withdrawn from the instrument in one unit, whilst a transfer adjustment can be effected by removing an inspection plate.

ALSO PASS

The tape is drawn through by a pair of rollers, the upper roller being fixed on end of a motor shaft. The position of the lower roller is controlled by an electromagnet, the amount of movement being sufficient to remove the drive from the tape when desired.

The tape also passes between two flat surfaces, the pressure between these being controlled by a second electromagnet. This provides a braking action on the tape, which always overrules the action of the driving rollers. The instrument is completed with lamp, driving motor, electromagnet assembly, and transfer assembly, but does not include any electronic control circuitry. The supply is 240 V 50 c/s mains, 1.5 amp A.C. or D.C. for the lamp and logic supply, not greater than about 20 volts for the photo-transducers. The electromagnet coils have a total resistance of 65 ohms. (Elloit Brothers (London), Ltd., 100, Cannon Road, London, S.E. 13.)

Improvement Of Food Storage

A NEW instrument which improves the efficient storage of fruit and vegetables has been developed by a British firm of precision instrument manufacturers.

One of the hazards of refrigerated fruit stores has been the difficulty of maintaining a correct degree of relative humidity. Fruit and vegetables may contain as much as 90 per cent of water, and the object of effective storage is to prevent loss of water by evaporation and consequent deterioration of the produce.

Fruit and vegetables do not lose water at the same rate and the problem faced by the manufacturer has been to provide an instrument which indicates that the relative humidity in a refrigerated store is being consistently maintained at the standard required for the produce inside.

Experiments were made to develop a hygrometer—an instrument which records relative humidity—which does not suffer from instability or over-sensitivity and gives results to within plus or minus two per cent.

REQUIREMENTS

The new instrument achieves these requirements. It is electrically operated and the element of special ceramic, is mounted on the roof, with a capillary tube leading to the fruit store, where some air movement exists but out of the line of any direct spray water.

The element is connected by 20 ft. of co-axial cable to the transmitter which can be mounted at any convenient place outside the storage chamber. The leads from the transmitter to the indicator can be of P.V.C. bell wire or any well insulated cable. The voltage in this part of the system is below 6 volts and there is no danger of shock.

One 6-point instrument can serve three storage chambers. The instrument may be run continuously or intermittently, and has a built-in standard circuit. (Short and Mason, Ltd., 200 Wood Street, Walthamstow, London, E. 17.)

Luxury Car Radio

A NEW luxury car radio with a touch-tone station selection, transmitter output for low battery consumption, printed circuitry for maximum reliability, full medium and long wave coverage and variable tone control has been announced by a U.K. firm—(Pye Telecommunications Ltd., Cambridge, England.)

Woven Fabrics Make Flexible Containers

A NEW development in flexible containers has been introduced by a British company. Designed to provide simple, lightweight containers for the transport and storage of a wide range of liquids, the tanks are made from coated strong woven fabrics and are available in a black or white finish.

Bulk liquids can be conveyed by normal road, rail or water transport, say the manufacturers. On the return journey the empty tank can be rolled up into a small bundle and the tank space used for other cargo.

The tanks can be strapped on to the flat surface of an open-sided trailer or placed within the walls of a vehicle with sides. The tank is most stable when completely full and a partly filled tank needs to be suitably lashed.

ARE SUITABLE

The tanks are also suitable for "on site" storage purposes. Their construction and flexibility enable them to be used on "unmade" ground and when not in use, they can be stored without special packing instructions.

The tanks can be supplied with filling and emptying connections to meet customers' individual needs.

Because of the widely differing requirements, the fabric of the tank has to be governed by its contents. These include petrols, mineral oils, vegetable oils, water, latex, chemical solutions, alcohols, detergents, linings, alkaline solutions, ketones, esters, dilute acids and fruit juices. (Marston Excelsior Ltd., a subsidiary of Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd., I.C.I. House, Millbank, London, S.W. 1.)

Suspended Ceiling With Plaster Tiles

A NEW contribution to modern building techniques has been shown to architects and builders. It is a new type of suspended ceiling offering speedy erection and adaptability.

Two firms have collaborated to produce the prefabricated plaster tiles and method of suspension which it is claimed increases the speed of erection by 100 per cent.

REINFORCED

The tile, 24 in. x 24 in. x 1 1/4 in. is made from a special plaster mix, reinforced with nylon fibre and aluminium rod. It is cast from a rubber mould and passed through a planing machine to produce a precision made article, as far as size is concerned, and also a chamfered edge.

A new toggle system is the basis of expansion, the tiles hanging invisibly from the actual reinforcing rods, without screws, nuts or bolts, on a 4 ft. x 2 ft. grid, which allows any single tile to be removed quickly from any place in the ceiling and replaced by a unit such as the standard light fitting.

Access to services in the void above the tiles is easily gained. (F.G. Minter Ltd. and Jonathan James Ltd., Putney, London, S.W. 15.)

3.5-Ton Battery

A BATTERY weighing 3 1/2 tons is being used to power a mammoth fork lift truck operating in Australia. The truck is being used at Lyngby, C.R.M. works at Port Kembla. Both traction and lift are powered by the battery which provides a power supply of 72 volts, and a capacity of 1,000 Ah. at the 4-hour rate of discharge. (Chloride Batteries Ltd., Clifton Junction, Manchester, England.)

Weekly Survey On The American Economy

NO REAL BOOM FOR 1959

Many Businessmen Still Worried About Threat Of Inflation

New York, Dec. 28.

The Christmas holiday brought a lull to the U.S. economy this week (except for the retailers) and businessmen took the opportunity to look ahead to 1959.

The general predictions for 1959 are based on the conditions that have been some businessmen who believed that their own particular businesses would see little improvement in 1959 over the rather unimpressive 1958 levels.

A few of the businessmen saw a real boom conditions for 1959 preferring instead to hold their predictions to improvement of business at "reasonable and encouraging rate" in 1959, and many still were worried about the threat of inflation.

Key Lines

For the week itself, operations in such key lines as autos, steel, copper, aluminium, tyres, construction, and chemicals, ran above year-ago levels, which were close to the depression low. Dollar volume of retail sales, enjoying the last part of Christmas shopping, was expected to be well above the 1958 mark, but the profit probably will be smaller than last year, due to price rises in the intervening 12 months.

The National Industrial Conference Board, a respected, non-partisan group, reported that 1958 should continue the moderate upward trend seen in the latter part of 1957, but the board's panel of experts warned that many sectors of the economy will face problems because of the growing public acceptance of an inflationary psychology.

The gross national product should be at an annual rate of \$340 billion by the end of 1958, compared to some \$300 billion as 1958 ends. It was estimated that the second-quarter GNP would be \$404 billion, and the fourth quarter GNP \$478 billion.

Employment will remain a sore point. The expected average figure for the year is 4.4 million and at the year-end peak of employment, there still probably will be 3.5 million unemployed.

Autos always are a bell-weather for the U.S. economy, and Americans probably will spend 17.1 billion for cars in 1959, about equal to the 1957 figure and well above the \$14 billion in the first three quarters of 1958. Spending for other consumer goods such as washers, dryers, refrigerators, etc., should run better than the \$22.6 billion figures marked up for the first three quarters of 1958, but the rise will be moderate.

Non-Durable

Non-durable goods are up three per cent in 1958 from 1957 levels, and in 1959 they probably will be up another 3.5 per cent. These improvements are moderate, but it may be pointed out that the non-durables suffered little during the recession and thus were having a good start in 1957 and 1958, and no market jump could logically be expected.

Roger Blough, Chairman of U.S. Steel, believes that the operating rate may reach 80 per cent better than the figures for the first half of 1958. In the latter half of 1958, the mills operated at a steady 72-75 per cent of capacity. An 80 per cent rate in 1959 actually would be a much bigger jump than five per cent, since the official rate of capacity of U.S. mills will go up on January 1 from 141 million ingot tons to 146 million tons.

But Blough, as do so many other business leaders, has misgivings about inflation. He said that in 1959 the industry would feel the challenge of further cost-push inflation and the inflationary effects of Federal deficit spending. All the nation's steel producers face new wage negotiations with their unions, whose contracts expire on June 30, and Blough said that "companies in the steel industry are faced with the task of negotiating new agreements which will not add fuel to the inflation fire."

Dangerous

And the President of the National Association of Manufacturers also is worried about inflation. Said NAM President Stanley Hopp, "Despite the many favourable factors, excessive government spending and the continuing wage-price spiral are helping to heighten the danger of inflation. Those who have little fear of inflation offer several arguments. The Federal deficit may not

be as great as the 12 billion feared by the critics, but higher incomes in late 1958 may bring larger tax receipts; 2.—The U.S. Treasury has been largely successful in deflating financing from sources other than commercial banks; 3.—The stubbornly high unemployment level, which tends to influence labour unions to moderation in wage demands, thus easing the pressure on prices; 4.—There has been increasing productivity per man-hour, thus keeping production in line with cost; 5.—Industry's high capacity for production will minimize any chance there being shortages of any kind and resultant inflationary price spirals; 6.—There is an over-supply of foodstuffs, so there should be no price pressure here; 7.—There is ever-increasing competition between domestic and foreign products, to be reflected in lower, non-inflationary prices; 8.—The Federal Reserve Board has been alert to the danger of inflation and has taken firm steps.

All of these are short-term arguments. The businessmen who fear inflation are not worried about the next six to 18 months, but about the years ahead. They feel that the Federal deficit of 12 billion (or less) for the present fiscal year may be even higher for the next year and the year after that.

Not Impressed

They are not impressed by President Eisenhower's proposed balanced budget of 77 billion. They argue that his budget leaves too heavily on an assumption that business in 1959 will be at boom peaks, with resultant high tax payments to the Treasury. These worried businessmen say that experience has shown it is almost impossible to cut any of the entrenched programmes of the U.S. Government—its defence spending, highways, housing, social security, farm payments, foreign aid, veterans' benefits and others.

Nor can these businessmen see any important easing of wage demand by big unions, despite unemployment. And the chief worry of the men who believe inflation is in the oiling is the psychology of the country, the willingness of the U.S. citizen to accept high prices, high wages and "creeping inflation."

For the long term, say these businessmen, there is a real fear unless there is a real change in the psychology of the country, the willingness of the U.S. citizen to accept high prices, high wages and "creeping inflation."

Responses

One survey noted that there were many "automatic" responses in the economy which helped it fight back to normal from a recession. These included "built-in stabilisers" such as unemployment benefits, which brought expansion of some sources of consumer income when others contracted the economy, and the automatic balancing of expenditures—that is, if defence spending went down, the outlay for highway and housing went up etc.

Other developments on the business front this week: ★ U.S. shoe production in 1958 will reach 588 million pairs, the New England Shoe and Leather Association said, and should reach a record of 603 million pairs in 1959.

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the second half of 1958, aided by strong Christmas sales, but 1959 total 1958 sales will be under the year-ago figures. In 1957, the total was 1,187,000,000, in 1958, it will be 1,140,000,000.

★ Chevrolet claimed its second industry-wide production record in its many weeks. It reported production last week of 45,800 passenger cars and 10,141 trucks, a total of 55,941 units. The previous record was 54,268 units set the previous week.

Steel Mills

★ American steel mills admitted they are finding strong competition from foreign mills, as Europeans under-bid them on wire the Japanese on plate orders. Total U.S. output this year was estimated at 85 million tons, and total world production at 297 million tons. Steel production this week will be below the mid-70 mark due to the Christmas holiday.

★ November fell 27 per cent from both the preceding month and from a year ago, and totalled 20.7 million. For the 11-month 1958 period, business was down more than 50 per cent from 1957.

★ Individuals in the U.S. saved 5.2 billion in the third quarter of 1958, 300 million above the 1957 figures for the same quarter. For the first nine months of the year savings totalled about 11 billion, some 20 per cent under 1957 figures. —U.P.I.

COTTON FUTURES SEE-SAW IN NY

New York, Dec. 28.

Cotton futures see-sawed indecisively over unusually narrow limits in a holiday-shortened week of three sessions. At Wednesday's close the list ruled one lower to 13 points higher, or off five cents to up 65 cents a bale from the preceding week.

The New York and New Orleans cotton exchanges will remain closed until Monday morning for the Christmas holidays.

Nearby March contracts logged throughout the abbreviated trading period, meeting a slow but persistent flow of liquidation as the certificated stock climbed to a new three-year high at 70,620 bales. Market technicians reasoned the consistent stock increase in the deliverable stock overshadowed substantial lenders against the spot market.

HELD ALOOF

Successful spring deliveries held relatively steady, while the now crop months were neglected as traders held aloof awaiting convening of the new Congress, when farm legislation is expected to be one of the first orders of business.

Stability in the late spring and early summer deliveries reflected a belief that the heavy rate of entries into the government loan programme will mean a tightening-up in the supply of "free" cotton before the end of the season—July 31.

Some observers thought total loan entries for the season may exceed 7,000,000 bales because of the low prices obtainable now by growers in the spot market. —U.P.I.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Our Own Correspondent

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$235,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions were:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
BANKS			
HSBC	802.50	810	800 @ 805
East Asia	282		
Union	70.50	71.50	600 @ 71
Shanghai	26.20		
Wholesale	5.30	5.50	
DOCKERS, ETC.			
W. Wharf	44.50	45	300 @ 45
Land	11.00		
HSK Hotel	21.50	21.70	1000 @ 21.50
Utilities			
HK Land	30	30.25	
Realty	1.40	1.50	
Electric	2.40		
Amalg.	1.75	1.80	
A. Wharf	2.40		
Telephone	24.50	24.80	500 @ 24.50
Others	7.55	7.65	100 @ 7.55
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	25.70		
STOCKS, ETC.			
Dairy	10.10	10.20	900 @ 10.20
Watson	12.30	12.50	
Others	13.90		
Textile	5.40		

Agreed Merchant Rates

Swiss Francs: Maximum Selling 74-11/16; West German Deutschmarks: Maximum Selling 71-1/4; Belgian Francs: Maximum Selling 854.

Stocks Gain Little On Wall Street

New York, Dec. 28.

Stocks gained a small amount during the Christmas week which was shortened by two trading days.

The Dow-Jones Industrial average finished at 572.75 off 0.34 from the close of last week when the record high was set at 573.17. The railroad average rose 2.32 points on the week to close at 167.00, a fraction away from its two-year high set in mid-November. Utilities reached a new high since June 13, 1939 at 89.22, up 0.22 on the week.

If one measures the market by the composite of the three averages, the market set a record high. That average closed at 198.23 up 0.63 point on the week and the highest on record. The Standard and Poor index for 500 stocks missed a record by four cents.

Fluctuations

Measured by the fluctuations the market was a stand-off. These were 193 gains, and 677 losses while 175 issues held unchanged. A total of 113 set new highs, the year while only 10 made new lows.

On the basis of the foregoing, it might appear as if the market was a narrow moving affair. It really wasn't. Industrial fell 1.94 points on Monday while the industrial dropped 1.84 points on heavy profit-taking. The market's average was the smallest since the week ended on September 5.

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this holiday week, the industrial average gained 6.34 points and falls 2.72 points.

Strength in the falls inspired buying in the other sections of the market on Wednesday. The chart theory is that falls must confirm a rise in the industrials to indicate further extension of the rise.

Profit-Taking

Selling in the Tuesday session was seen as normal. Profit-taking was more on the last day it could be done in the regular way to be included in the 1958 income tax returns. Profits realized from sales made from December 24 to the end of the year must be made for cash if they are to be included for the 1958 tax returns. Otherwise they go into the 1959 tax year. There were many cash sales on Friday, and more expected next week.

As is usual in a holiday week the volume fell off. Daily average sales for three sessions amounted to only 2,381,163 daily in the previous week trading averaged 3,731,286 shares daily. The past week's average was the smallest since the week ended on September 5.

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QUIET WEEK IN LONDON

London, Dec. 28.

The Kaffir market on the London Stock Exchange this week has been quiet but mostly steady. Finance houses have tended to move narrowly. The chief feature of Wednesday was the start of dealing in the new Corner House Investment Trust which opened at 23/- and eased six pence despite expectations there would be a premium.

Dollar stocks tended to sag during the week chiefly under the influence of Wall Street. But there was little business done in this market and the premium remained at nil.

SHARP KNOCK

The oil market received a sharp knock on Monday with the news of the increase of taxation for companies in Venezuela and those issues with business in that country suffered most, particularly Ultramar which is much favoured in London for speculative purposes.

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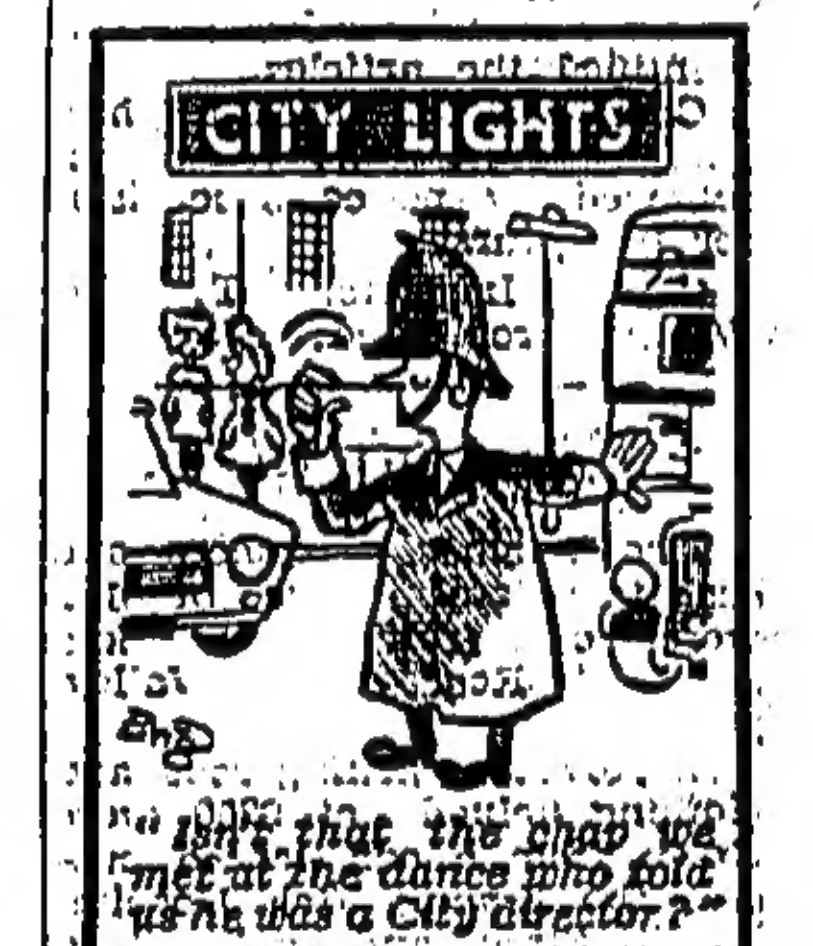
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favourable. Industry, of course, cut back production for the holidays. But the daily average output held high and most lines were well above a year ago, notably the automobile.

Estimate

President Eisenhower estimated that government revenues would rise to 77 billion during the 1959-60 fiscal year and produce a balanced budget. Such rise, it was noted, would mean a substantial rise in corporate profit. In the fiscal year ending next June 30 the government will show a decline in corporate income taxes because of the recession.

Those who are inflation-minded may have received some inspiration from a small rise in the cost of living index which lifted that figure to its record set several months ago. The rise was caused mainly by higher new automobile prices.

Railroads got help from estimates that their earnings could rise as much as 30 per cent next year after a sharp drop in 1958.

Oil had come bad news in the form of a move to jump the take that Venezuela gets from the oil producers there. This was the first break of any nation from the traditional 50-50 profits division in the oil industry.

Oils declined sharply on that news and then came back sharply on Friday. Standard Oil topped the list in turnover. It sank to \$34 1/2, came back to \$35 1/4 and closed the week at \$35 1/2 off 1/2 point.—U.P.I.

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Weekly U.S. Cotton Market

New York, Dec. 28.

HOLIDAY conditions continued to hold new bills in cotton grey goods to a bare minimum this week.

Most selling office closed early on Christmas Eve, thus limiting the trading period to 3 1/2 sessions. The majority of mills suspended operations completely.

With the supply of goods on the small side, prices held firm. Some weavers of bag shootings

twilled and a few industrial fabrics marked prices up 1/4 to 1/2 cent a yard.

With inventory holding firm just ahead, lenders expected little immediate change in current quiet conditions.

Some meetings reportedly were all out fully covered on early first quarter requirements and were looking for premiums on a second set of goods on certain constructions.

Manufacturers look forward to 1959 with anticipation. Ray Boll, President, Association of

Cotton Textile Merchants of New York, this week said a genuine recovery in cotton textile industry is now well advanced.

With a continued good movement of goods from their plants through January, the manufacturers expected an early resumption of activity in the grey goods market.

However, if the movement of finished goods lagged in January, the industry might result in re-selling by converters who are holding grey goods bought

at lower prices some market analysts cautioned.

Chattanooga reports said most sales yarn spinners in that area closed for three of the five days for the Christmas holidays.

Some manufacturers of children's hosiery indicated they would close for two weeks this year instead of the usual one week in a move to "balance out inventory."

Hard fibres, including burlaps, hemp and shal, along with wool, and rayon goods, reflected a holiday atmosphere.—U.P.I.

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Man Gets 18 Months In Gaol

A 23-year-old man, who stabbed the girl he planned to marry because she could not keep an appointment with him, was sentenced to 18 months' gaol by Judge R. H. Mills-Owens at the Kowloon District Court this morning.

Asking for leniency, the accused, Fung Hon-tong, a wireman of the China Light and Power Co., Ltd., said he had to look after his aged mother.

A Clock And A Woollen Vest Led To His Downfall

Judge R. H. Mills-Owens at Kowloon District Court this morning commended two police detectives for questioning a man which led to the discovery of a housebreaking case.

The two detectives, Fung Sui-kwan and Kwai Kwok-leung, found the man, Chan Yuk-fai, in Sai Tau Village with a clock and a woollen vest.

When questioned, Chan said the articles belonged to him, but he could not get anyone to prove this as they had been in his suitcase for several years. Not satisfied with Chan's explanation, the two detectives took him to the Police Station where he confessed he had stolen the articles from a hut in Homantin.

The owner was located and identified the articles. Chan was sentenced to three years' imprisonment to be followed by police supervision for two years.

Car Thefts

Two watches, a camera and cash to a total value of \$181 were stolen from a car parked in Sports Road, Happy Valley, yesterday.

In Kowloon, fishing rods and clothing valued at \$200 were stolen from a car parked outside the Kwong Wah Hospital in Pitt Street and a handbag, containing a sum of money, was stolen from a car parked in Waterloo Road.

Chief Insp. T. W. Wheeler, prosecuting, said in September last year, there was an agreement between the accused and the complainant, Siu Wai-ling, that they would marry as soon as she had attained her majority.

On November 17, they arranged to go to the pictures but Miss Siu failed to keep the appointment.

Two days later, a quarrel over the unkept appointment developed during which he slapped Miss Siu. He later apologised.

On November 28, Fung again asked Miss Siu for a date but she refused saying that she had another engagement.

He stayed at her house that evening and when she returned home he asked her to go out in the street. She refused saying that it was late at night. Fung then produced a triangular file and stabbed her twice in the abdomen.

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Man Injured

A 68-year-old man was knocked down and injured by a car in Jordan Road, near Shanghai Street, yesterday.

The man, Choi Yip-sung of 54 Jordan Road, 1st floor, was admitted to Kowloon Hospital. Two boys, a man and a woman were injured in road accidents on Saturday.

\$2,000 Theft

Thieves broke into 10 Third Street, 2nd floor, on Saturday and stole cash and jewellery valued at \$2,180.

Cash and a camera valued at \$200 were stolen from 87 Wong-niching Road, 1st floor, yesterday.

Heavy Gaol Sentences For Pickpockets

Described as "a professional pickpocket" To Chung, 30, unemployed, was sentenced to two-and-a-half years gaol by Judge R. H. Mills-Owens at Kowloon District Court this morning for slashing the pocket of a lady passenger in a bus and stealing \$19.

When the bus conductor was told about the theft, he jumped out of the bus and gave chase. When arrested, the accused was seen to throw down the \$19 the woman had lost.

To had six previous convictions for similar offences since 1954.

The victim of the theft was Lai Lai-ying and the theft occurred on a Kowloon bus.

Judge Mills-Owens also ordered To be placed under Police supervision for two years after he had served the sentence.

Judge Mills-Owens also sentenced another pickpocket See Chung-chuen, 39, to two-and-a-half years for stealing a bundle of envelopes from a man waiting to catch a bus at a stop in Clear Water Bay Road on December 8.

See, who had been watched by two Police detectives, was seized immediately after he had taken the envelopes from the man's pocket.

He was also ordered to be placed under police supervision for two years after he had served the sentence.

Chinese Singer Brings Libel Action Against Newspapers

A Chinese singer brought a libel case against three Chinese newspapers before Judge K. R. Macfee in the Victoria District Court this morning.

She was Miss Lau Sing, of 44 Kimberley Road.

The three newspapers named as defendants are the Yuet Wah Daily News, the Ching Po Daily News, the Hung Lok Daily.

Miss Lau is claiming \$5,000 damages from each of the three defendants.

She claims the defendants published articles on May 19 last allegedly injuring her reputation and bringing her into public disgrace, scandal, ridicule, hatred and contempt.

Mr Y. H. Chan who is representing the defendants applied for withdrawal of Mr Patrick Y. Dence Counsel, on the ground that Mr Yu would be giving evidence on certain statements. The application was granted.

Mr Chan also applied for the evidence of plaintiff given in previous hearings to be admitted.

The Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, who appears for Miss Lau submitted that the defence pleadings were bad in law.

Hearing was adjourned until 2.30 p.m. today when His Honour will give his decisions.

Appearing with Mr d'Almada is Mr Gerald de Basto, both on the instructions of Mr A. Y. Hon of Hon and Co.

Sandakan Light Profit Up

The Sandakan Light and Power Co. (1922) Ltd. experienced another satisfactory year, reported Major S. M. Churn, Chairman of Directors at the annual general meeting of the company this morning.

The chairman said that though the output of electricity increased during the year, this favourable situation was offset by the increase of cost of wood-fuel. However, the company realised a net profit of \$117,279 which was 19.46 per cent over last year's profit.

Reporting on taxation on profit, the Chairman said a sum of \$64,500 had been provided for this purpose. This, together with last year's provision of \$33,000, was the company's estimated tax liability to the North Borneo Government for the three assessment years from 1957-59.

The Chairman expressed his regrets that despite the increase of profits the Directors were unable to recommend a dividend for the year under review.

"In addition to the immediate tax liabilities to which I have already referred," he said, "consideration must be given in the near future to the purchase of additional generating plant to meet the ever-increasing demand and it is therefore necessary to conserve our cash resources to the utmost."

Six Days Out Of Gaol And He's Caught Again

"I can't help it. I have to earn my living," explained a habitual thief when he appeared before Judge R.H. Mills-Owens at Kowloon District Court this morning on a charge of snatching.

Judge Mills-Owens was told that the accused, Ho Chuen, 32, had left prison on December 2 after having served two years for theft, and six days later he committed a similar offence.

"If you carry on like this, you will spend the rest of your life in prison," Judge Mills-Owens said. His Honour sentenced Ho to two and a half years' imprisonment to be followed by two years' police supervision.

Chief Insp. T. W. Wheeler said that the accused snatched a handbag from a lady in Duke Street, Kowloon, on the evening of December 8. The lady, Miss Ho Ching-yee, raised the alarm which attracted the attention of Mr Christopher d'Almada, the Registrar of the Supreme Court.

Mr d'Almada gave chase and arrested the thief. The handbag was recovered not far from the scene of the snatching.

The accused had a long record of previous convictions which dated back to December, 1949 and had been spending various terms in prison.

Six-Storey Building For Queen's Road

A Tenancy Tribunal this morning recommended an application for exemption of No. 71 Queen's Road West. The top floor of the premises was gutted by fire in 1957.

A new scheme for a six-storey building to replace the existing three-storey tenement house was put before the Tribunal. It costs \$50,000 and is to be completed in 12 months' time. Mr John Moran is the architect.

The Tribunal was presided over by Mr J. H. G. Way, with Mr M. S. Cumming and Mr J. T. Lock sitting as other members.

The applicants were Messrs Wong Hoo-Chuen, Li Sik-cho, and Ma Ying, appointed representatives of the Tenancy Chamber of Commerce, beneficiaries of the premises. They were represented by Mr F. H. B. Wong of C. Y. Kwan and Co.

Civic Association Election

Members of the Executive Committee of the Hongkong Civic Association were all re-elected today.

The election took place at the first meeting of the association's new General Committee. Executive Committee members are: Chairman: Dr P. F. Allport, C. C. Li, P. A. L. Vinc; Hon. Treasurer: Mr Victor S. Mamak; Hon. Secretary: Mr Hillson Cheong-keen; Hon. Deputy Secretary: Mr Cheung Wing-kin; Hon. Corns: F. M. Chan, Dr Peter C. Y. Lee, Li Yik-bor, and Ernest C. Wong.

FORMER PARTNER OF DEACONS DIES IN ENGLAND

Michael Howard Turner, for many years a partner of Deacons, died in England on Saturday night at the age of 69, it was learned today.

Mr Turner left the Colony on retirement at the end of 1950, after 31 years service with the firm.

Mr Turner was a nephew of the original Mr Turner of Palmer and Turner, the firm of architects.

At the start of the First World War, Mr Turner was practising in Canada. He joined the Canadian forces and went to England, where he was enrolled as one of the original members of the Royal Flying Corps.

After serving as a solicitor with Deacons for eight years, he became a partner of the firm, and remained so until he left the Colony in 1950.

In 1920, he married Mrs Daisy Fair. Mr Turner is survived by his wife and two step-daughters in England.

When the Second World War broke out, he held a commission with the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, as Headquarters Liaison Officer

to the Royal Artillery. During the occupation, he was interned at the Argyle Street Camp, where he suffered considerably.

Mr Turner was sent to New Zealand on one of the first hospital ships, and after recuperating there, returned to the Colony in 1946.

While in the Colony, Mr Turner became a director of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, A.S. Watson and Co., Ltd., Humphreys Estate, Finance Co. Ltd., and a number of other firms.

A keen sportsman, Mr Turner played a good round of golf, and a hard game of tennis.

Mr and Mrs Turner paid a short visit to Hongkong in February, 1957, while on their way to America.

He was a member of the Police Recreation Club and a one-time Vice-President of St. Patrick Society of Hongkong.

Mr O'Donovan is survived by his widow and two daughters who were born in the Colony and received part of their education here.

One of the daughters, Miss Josephine O'Donovan, who is a nursing sister, is with her mother in Australia while Miss Bernadette O'Donovan is now in Hongkong with the Education Department.

Miss Bernadette O'Donovan graduated in Arts at the University of Western Australia and also holds the Licentiate Diploma of Trinity College, London.

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